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For The Children of America

Could there be a better new year's gift to American children than the proposed amendment to the United States Constitution, designed to make it possible for Congress to safeguard childhood against economic pressure?

Fifteen national organizations of women, combining their forces through a joint committee under the name of the Children's Amendment Committee, are working for the passage of an amendment which will permit Congress to pass a federal child labor law. This is made necessary by the decision of the United States Supreme Court, which has declared the two previous federal child labor laws unconstitutional.

We may well be proud of the fact that Indiana has laws for the protection of her children equal and in some respects superior to the two defeated federal laws. For this reason we anticipate favorable responses from our congressmen and senators in reply to the letters sent out from the state office asking them to support this measure, and at any rate to advise us of the stand they intend to take with regard to it.

Pertinent and essential facts about the proposed amendment and reasons for supporting it are contained in a folder, sent out by the Children's Amendment Committee, reading as follows:

What the Country Wants.

"Twice the country has demanded, through laws passed by Congress that child labor cease.

Twice the Supreme Court has declared Congress powerless to act under present constitutional limitations.

Therefore only one course is open—amend the Constitution so as to remove these limitations.

In the last Congress the Judiciary Committees of both houses favorably reported a child labor amendment which failed to pass.

An amendment must be passed by the next Congress and submitted to the states for ratification.

Why Does the Country Need Congressional Action?

Because:

In the United States 1 child out of every 12—and for some states 1 child out of every 4—is a child laborer.

Over 1,000,000 children from 10 to 16 years of age are working in the United States in factories, mills, canneries, agriculture, mines, and in other industries and occupations. Nearly 400,000 of them are between 10 and 14 years of age.

Because:

American children are now denied equal protection of the law.

Only 13 States measure up in all respects to the conservative standards of the first and second Federal child labor laws.

9 States have no law prohibiting all children under 14 from working in both factories and stores.

23 States with a 14-year minimum age limit have weakened their laws by permitting exemptions under which children not yet 14 may work.

37 States allow children to go to work without a common-school education.

18 States do not make physical fitness for work a condition of employment.

14 States allow children under 16 to work from 9 to 11 hours a day; 2 do not regulate in any way daily hours of labor of children.

5 States do not protect children under 16 from night work.

Because:

State authority alone is inadequate. States desiring to protect their children from child labor can not do so against the competition of other States with low child labor standards.

What Federal Protection Meant to the Children.

The object of the first and second Federal child labor laws was to prohibit the work of children under 14 in factories and canneries and of children under 16 in mines and quarries, and to prohibit the work of children 14 to 16 years of age for more than 8 hours a day or 6 days a week in factories and canneries.

Investigations made after the first and second Federal child labor laws were declared unconstitutional showed that hundreds of children in many different States had been dependent on the Federal laws for their only protection against premature or excessive employment.

After the first law ceased to operate nearly 3 times as many violations of the Federal child labor standards were found in 10 States as had been found in 25 States when the law was in

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is quite evident to any one who reads the President's message to Congress that our chief executive is not a politician of the machine variety. Whatever our party affiliations, and even though we may disagree with President Coolidge on many vital points, we must yet respect the courage and honesty which take a definite stand and are willing to abide by the consequences.

Peculiarly significant in their indication of a fearless personal integrity that transcends traditional party policies, and dares unpopularity, are the outspoken definitions of the President's attitude on such issues as the World Court and the soldier's bonus. Indeed, the keynotes of the Congressional Message will be defined as honesty and Yankee common sense. Apparently President Coolidge is content to make clear his own stand as an executive on the important questions which face the next administration, and leave his party bosses to follow his lead or account to a fair-minded public for departing from it.

Whether or not one can accept the Presidential program entire, there are features of it which will make particular appeal to mothers and housewives. The endorsement of the Child Labor amendment, of the proposed department of education in the Cabinet, of the reorganization of Congress and of better enforcement of prohibition must win instant approval. And the President's recommendation of the Mellon plan for reducing taxes and of civil service for postmasters and prohibition agents will appeal to many practical minded women too new to politics to have acquired the veteran party worker's aversion to a padlock on the pork barrel and a spotlight on the plum tree.

A REQUEST

Won't you help us to keep track of our publicity stories, which we send out from time to time from the state office direct to the newspapers all over Indiana? Look over your dailies and weeklies as they come to your home and clip out anything you find with regard to the League of Women Voters—any article that in any way mentions the League, either state, national or local.

We get a number of clippings through the clipping service, but not enough to be certain of the percentage of papers which get our articles, and the percentage which use the ones they get.

Immediately after New Year's some publicity will be sent out, and we want you to watch for it, clip it from all the papers you see, and mail the clippings at once to us.

PEACE

Edwin Markham

What was the first prophetic word that rang
When down the starry sky the angels sang
That night they came as envoys of the Birth—
What word but peace—peace and good will on earth?

And what was the last word the Master said,
That parting night when they broke brother-bread,—
That night he knew men would not let him live.
Oh what, but "Peace I leave" and "Peace I give?"

And yet behold: near twice a thousand years
And still the battle-wrath, the grief, the tears.
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Do We Want Equal Rights?

The Nation for August 8, discusses the question of protective legislation versus "equal rights", in forceful and logical fashion. The question is particularly timely since the National Women's Party, in its convention at Seneca Falls, adopted as its program the pushing of the following amendment to the Federal Constitution: "Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction."

The Nation says: "This sounds fair and reasonable enough but in effect it would undoubtedly nullify all laws, State or National, for the special protection of women, and would work special havoc with labor legislation. The Woman's Party recognizes this, but insists that the democratic way toward protective labor legislation is by combining the interests of men and women. In countries other than the United States this may be good tactics, but it happens that the provisions of our Constitution in regard to freedom of contract have been interpreted by the Supreme Court so as virtually to make it impossible to regulate the working hours of men or to fix other conditions of their employment. On the other hand, working hours and other conditions of employment for women have been largely and beneficially regulated through laws which the courts have sustained on the ground of their vital relation to health and the public welfare. If the Woman's Party will link with its suggested amendment another to restrict the provisions of the Constitution in regard to freedom of contract, then it will have a proposition worthy of consideration. Without that, the proposal will doubtless commend itself to reactionary employers, but will be viewed by the country's workers as certain to do incalculable harm.

"Most of them use it for pin-money anyway." This has been the historic excuse of department-store owners, sweat-shop operators, and other employers of girls for the low wages paid to women workers. And as long as nobody knew anything about it the statement carried conviction. "They live at home, so they don't need more." Unfortunately for these theorist-employers the Women's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor has recently published a pamphlet entitled "The Share of Wage-Earning Women in Family Support," and the pin-money theory has been completely devastated. As the result of several careful investigations of industrial communities containing fair proportions of native and foreign-born workers, it appears that (1) practically every married woman wage-earner contributes every cent she earns to the support of the home; (2) of unmarried women workers living at home, as most of them do, from 59.9 to 90.5 per cent contribute

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force. After the second law was declared unconstitutional an investigation of 39 factories in 1 State brought to light 560 violations of the Federal standards and 149 violations of the State child labor law.

Where Does The United States Rank Among Civilized Nations in Regard to Child Labor?

Today nearly every civilized western nation has made legislative provision to give its children a minimum protection against exploitation. 12 countries have at least the 14-year age minimum: Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Roumania and Switzerland.

The United States has no national standard. The States which permit the employment of children under 14 put us in a class with India, China and Japan.

To insure the protection of our children the Child Labor Amendment must be a grant of power to Congress to establish a National minimum of protection for all children and also preserve to every State its right to pass laws giving its children even greater protection than the Nation may give.

The amendment should authorize Congress to—

(1) Prohibit the labor of children below an age to be fixed by later Congressional action. The Amendment itself should contain no legislation; it should be an authorization, giving Congress the power the people thought Congress had when it passed the first and second Federal child labor laws to legislate in the interests of American children;

(2) Limit and regulate the employment of boys and girls who are not prohibited entirely from working. To safeguard them in industry from such evils as night work, dangerous and unhealthful occupations, and overwork, is as important as to keep younger children out of industry. Therefore the amendment must clearly give Congress power to legislate for boys and girls until they are at least 18.

A Federal minimum will give to American children all the advantages of our Federal form of Government. Every State may wish to give its children greater protection than a National minimum would provide. Is any State willing to give them less?

The following organizations issue this appeal for the passage of a Children's Amendment by the next Congress:

American Federation of Labor, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, General Federation of Women's Clubs, Girls Friendly Society in America, National Child Labor Commit-

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tee, National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations, National Consumers' League, National Council of Jewish Women, National Council of Women, Inc., National Education Association, National Federation of Teachers, National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, National League of Women Voters, National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, National Women's Trade Union League, Service Star Legion, Young Woman's Christian Association.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT—

National League of Women Voters,
Washington, D. C.
December 11, 1923.

Mrs. Alice F. Mullins,
1606 Spink-Arms Hotel,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

My dear Mrs. Mullins:

The campaign for the entrance of the United States into the World Court has been given great impetus by President Coolidge's address to the Congress.

The matter is now before the Foreign Relations Committee and all possible effort should be directed toward getting this committee to report out the Resolution. I do hope you will get as many women as possible to send in letters to Senator Watson and Senator Lodge, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

May I ask that you keep me informed of what you are doing, as it is of great help in our work here in Washington.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Maud Wood Park
President

Here, individual members of the League have an opportunity to take action on a matter close to their hearts.

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their entire wages to the home; (3) among the unmarried children a greater proportion of daughters than of sons contribute their total earnings and have done so during the entire time they have been at work; (4) no appreciable number of women workers keep their wages for their own use. In one typical industrial community, figures were secured from several thousand men and women in the textile, clothing, glass and silk industries. Taken all together the women contributed from 86.4 to 96 per cent of their earning to their families; the men from 78.2 to 84.6 per cent. That the actual money contributions of the men was higher reflects only on the indecently small wage paid to the women."

Institute On Nutrition

The Indiana Institute on Nutrition will be held in Indianapolis the second week in January, opening Monday morning, January 14 and closing Friday afternoon, January 18. The Institute will be held under the auspices of the Extension Division of Indiana University, in cooperation with the Indiana Tuberculosis Association, the Marion County Tuberculosis Assocation, and the Indiana State Board of Health.

Enrollments for the course are to be sent to Mr. M. A. Auerbach, 1134 Indiana Pythian Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Prize Competitions

If a woman voter has twenty-five dollars to spend on a reference library, what books ought she buy? If she has twice that sum, what are her best purchases? The National League of Women Voters will pay forty dollars for the best answer to these two questions and smaller sums for the next best and second best lists of books and pamphlets sent in to the first vice-president, Miss Belle Sherwin, at 811 Superior Avenue, Cleveland. Every woman who is a member of the league is eligible for the contest which closes January 15, and the condition is made that books and pamphlets in the lists submitted must be trustwothry as to facts and "must not contain propaganda for any cause." Each title must be followed by the name of the publisher and the price, and a list may be of any length, provided only, that the total cost of the books in one bibliography is twenty-five dollars and that in the other it does not run to a penny more than fifty. The judges of the lists are Dr. Edgar Dawson, professor of history and social science at Hunter College, New York; Miss Linda Eastman, chief librarian of the Cleveland Public Library; Mrs. Richard Edwards, of Peru, Indiana, former first vice-president of the National League of Women Voters; Mrs. George Gellhorn, of St. Louis, another former vice-president and Raymond Moley, associate professor of government at Barnard College, New York. As in all other contests, names of persons submitting lists must not appear on manuscript, but must be clipped to it in a sealed envelope.

Prizes are also being offered in a national peace Christmas card competition which is being conducted by the National League's department of International Cooperation to Prevent War. Designs must be sent in between January 1st and 10th. This is because the cards for the Christmas market of 1924 must be ready for the wholesale trade by March. Two hundred of the best designs will be exhibited in a New York gallery. Prizes: $2,500, $1,000, $500. Urge your artist friends to compete. Write for particulars. Peace Christmas Card Competition, room 1010, 100 E. 45th St., New York City.

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In the January *Pictorial Review,* Ida Clyde Clarke describes the interesting experiment being tried by Arthur Morgan, one of America's leading engineers, as president of Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio. "Antioch, an Adventure in Education," is the title. In this unusual educational institution "students alternate five weeks of real work at a real job with five weeks of serious college study. The object is to let the student find himself, to put the experimental period back into the college course, instead of leaving it until after graduation.

"As a rule we Americans are almost tragically willing to let our affairs drift along in the hands of the small, highly professional politicians, contenting ourselves with criticism, often caustic and often uninformed, but without feeling our own very immediate responsibility for helping to solve our difficulties," says Alice Ames Winter, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in her feature article "Women and the World Court," in the Christmas Ladies Home Journal.

"A Career and Eleven," is the stimulating title of a personality sketch and interview by Mildred Adams in a December issue of the Woman Citizen. She is writing about Mrs. Lillian Gilbreth, A. B., M. A. Ph.D., honorary member of the Society of Industrial Engineers, partner in her husband's engineering firm, and the mother of eleven healthy happy-looking children.

ABOUT THE COUNTY UNIT

Mrs. Edna Hatfield Edmondson, executive secretary of the Indiana Parent-Teacher Association, has prepared a program outline, based on the school survey, and containing a wealth of material on the subject of the County Unit. Mrs. Edmondson says:

"You will find this outline greatly simplified and you may think unnecessarily detailed, but it was designed to assist associations in even the smallest communities to make up their own programs without the use of trained leaders or outside speakers."

The League is greatly indebted to Mrs. Edmondson for the research work which has made available this excellent concrete material on a subject particularly interesting to local Leagues in Indiana at the present time.

The outline is on file at the state office, and a copy will be sent to any League upon request.

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WHAT other STATES are DOING

The Connecticut Bulletin this month is full of news of the state convention, and the School of Citizenship at Yale. At convention a vote was taken as to which of twelve topics were most interesting to women voters; World Court, Law Enforcement, and Education got the most votes; Party Rules came last, with the smallest number of votes.

The Ohio Woman Voter is running a series of articles on "Industry" which are being contributed by the Ohio Council of Women and Children in Industry.

The New York League of Women Voters announces the publication of a comedy by Mary Gray Peck, entitled, "How We Make Them Love Us." It is in one scene, requires ten actors, and takes about three-quarters of an hour to produce; it sounds peppy, and we'd like to see it played.

The Massachusetts League is carrying on an Efficient Citizenship Crusade with a view to raising the percentage of votes at the next Presidential Election.

On November 28th, Governor Pinchot signed the charter incorporating the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters as an educational institution under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania. The League feels that this marks a distinct step forward in its career.

An endowment of $1,000 has been established for the Philadelphia League of Women Voters by Mrs. Thomas B. Ellis and Miss Gertrude Atkinson, the yearly income from which is to be used for the printing of literature. It will be recalled that Mrs. Ellis and Miss Atkinson are daughters of the late Wilmer Atkinson who was a staunch advocate and generous supporter of the campaign for woman suffrage.

The California League has published a booklet on the state's method of school financing which divides the subject into eight lessons planned for eight monthly round tables. It contains a very thorough survey of the question.

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Now that the colleges and univeristies are putting scenario writing into their English courses, the educational motion picture is rapidly coming into its own.

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All Special Occasions, Such as Book Week, Health Week and All Patriotic Occasions, Are Celebrated in the Pictures Shown at the Riley Library.

The teachers in our schools cooperate in the work at the library and they assist in choosing the pictures and in running the machine.

The Indiana Photoplay Endorsers Are Trying to Create a Demand for Educational Motion Pictures by Showing Them Free of Charge on Saturday Mornings at the Riley Library.

Mrs. Bloomfield Moore, Secretary.

Edited by Mrs. David Ross

NEWS of the BRANCH LEAGUES

The Evansville League held its December luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, December 10, and discussed plans for the card party to be given January 21, at the home of Mrs. Lulu S. Halvorsen, president of the League. Mrs. Emil Weil and Mrs. William Ehrich will have charge of the party.

Dr. Ada Schweitzer of Indianapolis, Director of the Child Hygiene Division of the State Board of Health, addressed the Jasper League at a meeting in the court house on Friday, December 7. Dr. Schweitzer was the guest of honor of the League at a luncheon following the meeting.

Mrs. Edward Franklin White of Indianapolis, chairman of the legal department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs was the speaker at the joint meeting of the Ft. Wayne League and the Woman's Club League on December 15. The Ft. Wayne League is planning to conduct a series of lectures, and to give instruction in voting; the value of party organization will be stressed, and members urged to affiliate with one of the two great political parties.

The following new officers were elected at a recent meeting of the New Carlisle League: Mrs. H. B. Shedd, president; Mrs. Della Hauser, vice-president; Mrs. Richard Tester, secretary, and Mrs. E. R. White, treasurer.

The Brookville League held an all-day meeting on Friday, December 14, with Mrs. Alice Foster Mullins, state president, Mrs. Christian Eby of Connersville, speakers' bureau chairman, and Miss Cressler, president of Elmhurst College, as speakers.

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Mrs. Walter S. Greenough, first vice-president of the Indiana League of Women Voters, was the principal speaker Wednesday night, December 12, at a joint dinner of the Woman's City Club and The Indianapolis League. Other speakers were Mrs. Allen T. Fleming, president of the Indianapolis League, Miss Merica E. Hoagland, Miss Elizabeth Rainey and Miss Ida M. Anderson.

The Indianapolis League sent to the city council a copy of a resolution asking that a psychopathic ward be added to the city hospital, in order to stop the detention of insane patients in the city jail pending examination. Classes for the study of the child labor law and of proposals for the reduction of taxes are being organized, and will soon be in operation.

Every taxpayer present at the meeting of the Tipton League of Women Voters, November 20, signed a remonstrance against a proposed bond issue for a city World War Memorial, following the second of a series of addresses being made to the League by J. R. Coleman, a Tipton attorney. At the same meeting, Mrs. G. G. Davis spoke on the eighteenth amendment and warned against its modification.

The Aurora League is following the "Know Your County" course of study. At a November meeting Mrs. Harry R. McMullen read a paper on County Commissioners, Mrs. Tom Cooper talked on Indiana's Mothers Aid Law, Mrs. Emerine Rees discussed the Sheppard Towner Law, Mrs. J. R. Houston the School Attendance Law, and Mrs. Charles Olcott, State Probation Work.

Professor Frank O'Hara of the University of Illinois addressed the Elkhart League of Women Voters December 3, on "Literary characteristics resulting from our modern economic and social changes." Mrs. W. E. Bowman was chairman of the meeting, and Mrs. A. H. Beardsley made a plea to all women voters to work for the proposed Constitutional child labor amendment. The teachers of the city schools were special guests of the Elkhart League at a meeting in November, when Miss Edna Jatho, psychologist of the Indiana School for Feeble-Minded Youth, spoke on "Child Psychology."

The South Bend League is doing much for the community in bringing to South Bend each year the Civic Art Exhibit of rare and beautiful paintings from the Chicago galleries of Carson, Pirie, Scott and Company. The exhibit this year was held, with the cooperation of educational organizations of the city, under the auspices of the civic art committee of the department of education of the South Bend League; the auditorium of the Tribune, one of the local papers, was utilized to display the paintings, and talks by artists of national repute were features each afternoon and evening. The exhibit lasted from November 18 to 28, and different cooperating organizations took turns acting as hosts. Mrs. W. K. Sherman, first vice-president of the South Bend League, and chairman of the civic art committee, welcomed the guests on the opening night. Mr. and Mrs. Thad M. Talcott, Jr., purchased one of the paintings, "Fishers in Brittany," by George Elmer Browne, A. N. A. The exhibit was the League's method of celebrating National Education Week.

Miss Amy Wood, national secretary of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, was the speaker at the Armistice Day celebration in Princeton, which was in charge of the local League of Women Voters. Her subject was "Law, Not War." The veterans of the World War were guests of the league at a reception which followed the address.

The Lafayette League devoted the monthly luncheon meeting in November to a consideration of children of pre-school age. Mrs. Royal W. Thompson, of Indianapolis, chairman of the committee on children under school age, of the State Parent Teachers' Association was the speaker. Questions contained in the "Know Your County" program were answered by league members after the address.

Mrs. Ella Kehrer, Mrs. W. E. Thompson and Mrs. E. E. Estep were the committee in charge of the bridge tables, and Mrs. Nettie Lewis of Pendleton and Mrs. B. E. Shirley, in charge of the sewing contest, were responsible for the success of the bridge and sewing party which was given by the Anderson League, November 14. Proceeds from the party were divided between the League and the local tuberculosis hospital fund.

The Madison League took up the question of public health at its meeting November 26. The members prepared for the program by interviewing the local board of health, and Mrs. Louis Richardson conducted the discussion of the subject. Mrs. Thomas Watlington is instructing the League in methods of parliamentary procedure.

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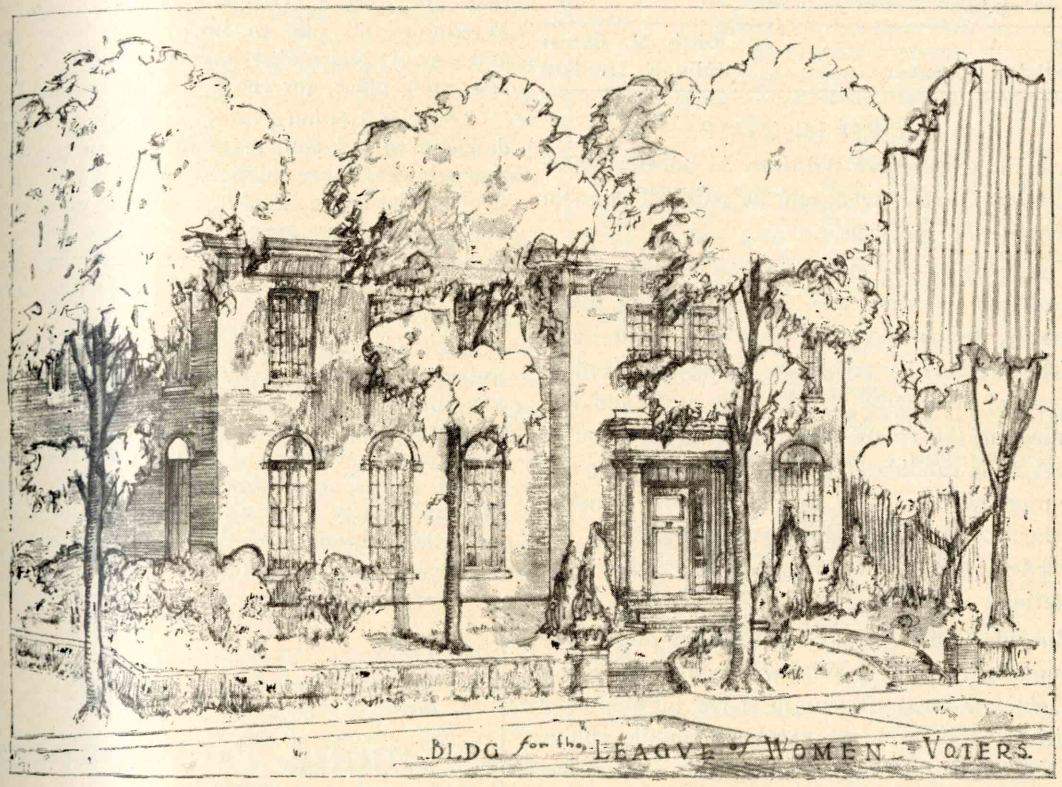

ELKHART LEAGUE OPENS A NEW HOME

On Monday, February 4, the first League in Indiana to own a home of its own opened proudly the doors of the newly acquired Woman's League Building in Elkhart, to two hundred League members and guests. Mrs. A. H. Beardsley, president of the organization, is the good angel whose generosity presented to the Elkhart League of Women Voters the beautiful and substantial old brick residence at 305 West High Street. The spacious rooms designed by an earlier generation have proved particularly suitable for use by this active and progressive woman's organization as home and operating headquarters. Decorators and carpenters have been at work freshening and refinishing the interior throughout, and although there are still some finishing touches to be added here and there, the League was able to "move in" and begin work the first week in February, and to celebrate the event with a delightful meeting.

Mrs. J. C. Boss, head of the political science department of the League, paid a well-deserved tribute to Mrs. Beardsley in the opening address of the afternoon, and the members showed their approval of her words by a rising vote of thanks to the president.

"The International Obligation of Women," was the subject of the principal address on the afternoon's program, made by Mrs. Nancy M. Schoonmaker of Woodstock, New York, who toured Europe in 1921, as a delegate of the National League of Women Voters, and the General Federation of Women's Clubs. At the close of the afternoon tea was served by the political science department, Miss Helen K. Boss and Miss Olive Beardsley in charge.

The Woman's League Building will be the focus of women's activities in Elkhart. The ground floor is equipped with a daintily decorated tea room and with large reception rooms which are available for the use of clubs and private persons for a rental fee. The second floor contains, besides a sunroom for reading, three well-equipped offices for the use of the child welfare department, one

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A WORD IN TIME.

Ask the experienced old-timer in politics where the election is really won, and he will tell you—in the wards, and precincts.

The result of any election turns on the number of votes cast by each side, in each polling place. Obviously, if a corrupt party boss, or an undesirable political machine is trying to swing an election, workers for that cause will be busy early and late rounding up the voters who can be counted on to support their candidates. A carefully built up organization will be ready, before the first registration day, to see that all manageable persons are qualified to vote for the organization candidate by registering.

But who is going to look out for the interests of the community itself? Who will realize so acutely their obligations as citizens to strive for improved conditions of government, for better public affairs, that they will give time to the work of bringing good citizens to the polls?

Who feel the obligations of citizenship most keenly? The members of the League of Women Voters. The very fact that you have joined the organization is a guarantee of your sense of duty toward your neighbors and your community.

If you would like to see the right triumph at the polls, organize early enough to get out the vote. In a very brief and very clear article, which took first prize in *The Woman Citizen's* competition the latter part of October, Elizabeth J. Hauser, secretary of the National League tells how to get out the vote—by perfecting an organization in time to make a house to house, family to family canvass, first to see that all qualified citizens are registered, and then to make sure that they all go to the polls and cast their ballots.

Remember that it is only by the individual votes of enough right-minded citizens that our present political chaos will finally be resolved into seemly and effective government.

SERVICE STATION NOTES

When you pay your dues to your local league, and hear discussion of the proportion of those dues that must go to the State League, and to the National do you sometimes wonder what these organizations are doing, anyhow?

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"Service Station Notes" is a new department, designed to tell you, more fully than can be done through newspaper publicity, which must of necessity be brief and general in tone, just what the state headquarters have been about, and to give you information on questions and measures that the National and State Leagues are supporting, and are asking you to support.

Mr. Charles Kettleborough, Director of the Indiana Legislative Reference Bureau, very kindly consented to prepare for *The Woman Voter* a special article showing just what would be the effect on the women of Indiana of the proposed "equal rights" amendment, which the National Woman's Party is trying to put through Congress. Both the National and State Leagues are fighting this measure on your behalf.

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THE PROPOSED EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Some Suggestions As to Its Probable Effect and Application in Indiana, By Charles Kettleborough, Director Indiana Legislative Reference Bureau

"No political, civil or legal disabilities or inequalities on account of sex, or on account of marriage unless applying alike to both sexes, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction"; this is, in part, the text of the amendment to the Federal Constitution which was offered by the National Woman's party, and which is now pending in Congress.

The objects sought are to extend to women all political rights enjoyed by men, and to abrogate such exclusions from a full participation in civil and legal rights and privileges as still exist. But it is a question whether this proposed amendment would not destroy certain beneficial disadvantages which, in the slow evolution of the Common and Statute law, have accrued to woman, and which are designed to safeguard her health, insure a greater degree of protection from society than men may require, shield her from dangers and temptations to which her sex may expose her, and contribute to and promote the vigor of her children.

Militia Duty.

The Constitution of Indiana provides that the state militia shall consist "of all able-bodied white *male persons,* between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years," except persons conscientiously opposed to bearing arms who pay an equivalent for exemption. Here is a legal inequality, based on sex, which ought to exist, but which the proposed amendment would do away with.

Poll Tax.

The general tax law of the state provides that "a poll tax shall be assessed upon every *male* inhabitant of this state between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years." Under the proposed amendment, the poll tax would either have to be extended to include all inhabitants between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years or discontinued entirely. Similar taxes are levied in the various local subdivisions of the state.

Inheritance Tax.

By virtue of the inheritance tax law, a charge is imposed, at a fixed rate, on the right to transmit an estate to the lineal ancestors, descendants or other relatives of a decedent, with certain prescribed exemptions, which are not subject to the tax. The Indiana inheritance tax law grants an exemption of $15,000 to the widow of a decedent, but only $2,000 to the widower. Obviously no such beneficial disadvantage could accrue to a widow under the proposed amendment.

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Elkhart League Opens a Home of Their Home

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of the most active divisions of the League. These include an office and consultation room for the doctor, an assembly room, and a practical work room. The mother's meetings, food demonstrations, and sewing bees for making baby outfits, were considered in the generous equipment of the department's headquarters.

The formal public opening of the house will be deferred until the furnishing is completed, and the president, Mrs. Beardsley, returns from a trip to California. It will probably be held in March.

The Elkhart League is to be congratulated, both for the accomplishments which have made these headquarters desirable, and have called to the attention of public-spirited persons the League's definite power for good in the community; and for the generous appreciative, far-seeing vision of the president, Mrs. A. H. Beardsley, who has made possible the further growth and extension of League activities and ideals.

A LITTLE THING TO DO.

With all the energetic effort that has been expended by organizers and enthusiastic League members, we have not yet reached our goal of an active League in every county, or in every town. And there are many women in Indiana whose interest in civic and political affairs, in their government, and in their duties as citizens, would prompt them to join the League of Women Voters, if there were only some method by which they could be informed, and become members.

You must know some of these women, in communities where there are no Leagues. Won't you write a little personal note to some one you know, each month, asking her to become a member at large of the Indiana League of Women Voters? Won't you send her a copy of *The Woman Voter,* or send her name to us so that we may mail her a copy, and tell her that her membership fee of one dollar a year will include subscription to the Voter for one year, or for as long as she continues to be a member, and that she will be helping the public-spirited women of her state to become more powerful for good, by joining them in their work of citizenship?

Write tonight.

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Road Work.

The act of 1923, which is a re-enactment of a statute which has been in existence for three-quarters of a century, and which is designed to provide for the repair and maintenance of township roads, provides that, when lawfully summoned, every able-bodied *male* person over the age of twenty-one and under the age of fifty years shall labor on the public highways not less than two nor more than four days every year. This law creates an inequality based on sex, by requiring men to perform a duty from which women are exempt.

Fraudulent Concealment.

The Indiana law provides that when any person refuses to pay his just debts and fraudulently conceals his property for the purpose of defrauding his creditors, he may, *if a male person,* be committed to jail, but if a female person, such commitment is prohibited.

Mothers' Pensions.

The so-called mothers' or widows' pension law of Indiana is a provision incorporated in the act creating the board of children's guardians. To the custody of this board are entrusted all dependent and neglected children of the county. These children may be placed in homes or they may be entrusted to the care of their mother and cared for under her direction, and she is entitled to receive the same compensation for each child as the county would pay, if the child were being maintained in a private child-caring institution. Whether such laws would be permissible with the "equal rights" amendment in force, unless the same allowances were made for fathers and widowers is at least a debatable question. The so-called infancy and maternity act, under which the state and the federal government are operating, is open to the same objection.

Tramps.

The Indiana law relative to vagrants provides that any person, *except a female* or a blind or crippled person, who is found begging in any place not the county of his residence, is deemed to be a tramp and is subject to a fine. It will be observed that this act of vagrancy applies to men only, and does not attempt to include women in the class of tramps.

Labor as Punishment.

All *male* prisoners who are sentenced to any jail or workhouse in this state may be put at hard labor on any public work while held for punishment or the non-payment of a fine or costs. This is a salutary distinction based on sex which it might not be desirable to abrogate.

Property Rights.

The question of the effect of this amendment on the property rights of women is both intricate and complex, involving as it does the so-called dower rights of various forms which women enjoy to the exclusion of men. In the settlement of estates, widows take $500 as an allowance from the personal property which may be represented either by articles of the value of $500 selected by the widow or by $500 in cash. Moreover, one-third of the real estate of a deceased husband descends to the widow free of all debt. A very simple process for the settlement of estates having a value of $500 or less is provided by law, but this law can be evoked in favor of a widow only. Subsequent to the death of the husband, the widow is guaranteed the possession of the premises, of not exceeding 40 acres, for a period of one year. This law affords a protection to a widow to which she is justly entitled, but which, for obvious reasons, is not extended to a widower. If a husband abandons his wife he takes no part in any estate which she may leave at her death. The settled discrimination of the law of the descent and distribution of property is quite manifest, but just how manifold the changes would be under the proposed amendment is a question of endless speculation.

Divorce and Desertion.

Divorce per se would not be materially affected but such questions as the granting of alimony and the provision for the payment of the wife's attorney in divorce proceedings would doubtless be subject to material alteration. Of like import are the questions of desertion, abandonment and non-support. Under existing law, the support of the family is settled squarely on the husband and father, any contributions which the wife and mother may make being purely voluntary. For dereliction in this duty, the husband is subject to punishment. Should we conclude that under the proposed amendment the duty of supporting the family is to be both mutual and reciprocal, and would not wives be equally guilty of desertion, abandonment and non-support with their husbands?

Labor.

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Anna Steese Richardson has in the *Woman's Home Companion* for March an article on the Republican National Committee meeting in Washington, which she attended. She draws several interesting conclusions from her observations there, among them one which shows her profound knowledge of feminine psychology—namely, that politics are going to be more and more *fashionable,* as years go by. She found that about 75% of the women who attended the convention were grandmothers. But most significant of all is her reflection on the women's feeling about the separate sessions of the committee: "Now all of this was very fine, [the women's session to discuss "methods"] but somehow as the afternoon waned you felt that it was not for this the associate members had come to Washington. They had come to see wheels revolve in the inner circle of their party. A round table on [their own] work back home bored them."

George Jean Nathan and H. L. Mencken, having combined to edit a new magazine, have produced in *The American Mercury* the sort of periodical which is needed to prick into vigilance the somnolent satisfaction of the average citizen with things as they are. A constant reader of this periodical will not be either bored or unenlightened; neither will he long be provincial-minded, intolerant, or ultra-conservative. A thoughtful and penetratingly analytical article by Johan J. Smertenko in the March number discusses "The American View of Politics." The author accuses us of not daring to overhaul our political machinery for fear of getting it out of order, and adds "But there can be no doubt that until this antagonism to the intricacies of government is dissipated, politics will not rise among us much above the level of a battle for office."

The March *Pictorial Review* announces a $5,000 annual award to the "American woman who contributes the most toward the advancement of American civilization in the various fields of endeavor." The magazine calls attention to the fact that in doing this it makes America the first country to thus recognize greatness in women. The objects of the award are said to be: "To bring the creative work of women active today to the attention of the world and the country; to make it possible for at least one of these women to enjoy a period of relaxation or of concentrated effort untroubled by the necessity of earning money; and to find and present to the public intimate human stories of the life and work of the great women of our day."

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The Ohio Woman Voter describes an institution recently formed in Zanesville, Ohio, which should be a powerful agent for civic betterment. It is called the Zanesville City Round Table, and its purpose is to bring before the citizens, "through existing organizations, affairs of general interest to the community, and to give publicity to some of the problems of city government." The Mayor of Zanesville acts as chairman; the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, the director of public safety, the director of public service, and a member from each of a number of representative organizations, including the League of Women Voters, the Motor Club, the Rotary Club, the American Legion, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Federation of Women's Clubs, and others—all meet for luncheon every Monday from 12 to 1 for discussion of matters which effect the whole community. This keeps the city administration in touch with the best of local public opinion.

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The Massachusetts League of Women Voters, in co-operation with Radcliffe College, recently held a school of politics on foreign affairs, at Radcliffe. Among the speakers were Ada L. Comstock, president of Radcliffe, Mrs. Maud Wood Park, president of the National League of Women Voters, Major-General Henry T. Allen, commander of the United States Army of Occupation, Roland W. Boyden, formerly unofficial U. S. Delegate on the Reparations Commission, and other nationally prominent men and women.

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made. These laws have been enacted to extend a degree of protection to women which men do not necessarily require. Such laws have been deemed indispensible, not only to the welfare of women workers, but to the future of the race. It is rather obvious that the provisions of these laws would be seriously disturbed by an amendment of this character.

Boys between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years and girls between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years can not be employed to work in any gainful occupation other than farm labor or domestic service more than eight hours per day or more than forty-eight hours per week, or more than six days in any week, or before 6 o'clock a. m. or after 7 o'clock p. m.

Girls under eighteen years of age can not be employed at any work which requires them to stand constantly.

Women and girls can not be employed in any capacity in a factory between 10 o'clock p. m. and 6 o'clock a. m.

No woman or girl can be employed in any capacity in a mine.

Employers are required to provide seats for women and girls and to permit the use thereof when desirable or convenient.

Employers, when so required by the chief factory inspector, are obliged to provide and furnish dressing rooms for the women and girls employed in factories.

The foregoing enumerated laws are the ones likely to be most seriously affected by the proposed amendment. There are, of course, a good many others which might be similarly affected. Some of these, over which there might be wide differences of opinion, include such questions as the legal marriage age of boys and girls; the laws governing the age of consent; rape and seduction; and the entire question of illegitimate children.

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NEWS of the BRANCH LEAGUES

Miss Blanche Merry, state school attendance officer, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Valparaiso League in January. Mr. H. N. Sheppard, the county attendance officer, commended her highly in a brief speech following her address. The hostess, Mrs. G. M. Dodge, was assisted by Mrs. O. C. Ferrell, Mrs. G. E. Osborne, Mrs. Arthur Christy, Mrs. H. A. and Mrs. H. C. Nichols.

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The Brookville League has elected the following new officers: President, Mrs. John Kissel; Vice-President, Mrs. August Hermansdorfer; Secretary, Mrs. F. H. Becker; Treasurer, Mrs. G. T. Shriber.

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Dr. Bertha Clouse, medical inspector of the schools of Columbus, was leader for the meeting of the League February 8, when the subject in the "Know Your Town" program was "Health." General discussion followed the answers given by Dr. Clouse to the questions on the program.

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Miss Isabel Cressler, president of the Connersville League, has an excellent article on the Child Labor amendment in a recent number of the Connersville Examiner.

ALL ABOARD FOR THE NATIONAL

A letter from Mrs. Clair E. More, chairman of Transportation for the National League of Women Voters Convention, says:

"We are arranging a special train over the New York Central, leaving Chicago April 23rd, Wednesday, at 8:25 a. m., which will pick up delegates at Toledo at 2:42 p. m., Cleveland at 5:20 p. m., and arrive at Buffalo at 9:30 p. m.

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NEWS OF THE BRANCH LEAGUES

Professor Robert Phillips of Purdue University lectured on "International Arbitration" February 19, at Rensselaer, under the auspices of the Jasper County League of Women Voters.

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The new officers of the Kokomo League are: President, Miss Jean Somers; first vice-president, Mrs. Paul Gerhart; second vice-president, Mrs. O. O. Butcher; secretary, Mrs. Mary Lappin; treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Havens.

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The Princeton League met for luncheon during February. A vote in favor of the children's amendment to the United States Constitution was passed, and members gave reports on the elective officers of the city.

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The Tipton League held a well attended meeting on Lincoln's birthday; the program was devoted to a study of American Citizenship.

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The Newburg League met at the home of Mrs. E. M. Raleigh, February 11. Mrs. N. J. Curtis, Mrs. Aurilla Hopkins, Mrs. Edward Lacke, Mrs. William Walden, Miss Lena Frank and Mrs. Paul Willet discussed various questions of interest to women as citizens, including the Mellon tax plan and the Teapot Dome oil scandal.

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Benjamin J. Burris, state superintendent of public instruction, addressed the Indianapolis League at a discussion luncheon early in February. He spoke on school house planning and building, giving the results of his observations on a recent trip to Maryland. The League gave a bridge and mah jong party in January, and a musical tea in February; both were well attended and excellently planned.

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"Economics in Government" was the subject of a paper by Mrs. J. K. Brennan, which was read at a recent meeting of the Michigan City League. Mrs. J. K. Brennan read articles about women in business, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to a discussion of plans for the state convention, which is to be held in Michigan City during May. Mrs. Thomas Henry Mullins, our president, was the guest of the Michigan City League at a dinner February 26, when further discussion concerning the convention was held.

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The Evansville League, under the leadership of its president, Mrs. Lulu J. Halvorsen, has taken up the question of garbage disposal for the city of Evansville, and is making recommendations to the Board of Health and other local officials, in an effort to better conditions in the city.

The Portland League has offered three prizes for the three best essays written by high school students on the subject "How Shall We End War!"

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Jackie Coogan in his picture "Long Live the King" made money for the Tippecanoe County League early in February. The League received a percentage of all tickets sold for performances during the four days that the film ran in Lafayette.

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The South Bend League of Women Voters brought to the city Mrs. Louise L. McIntyre, who gave a series of health talks in different parts of the city during the week of her stay. These talks were open to the public, and were largely attended. "The County Unit Bill" was the subject of a talk by John Rittinger, county superintendent, at the February meeting of the League. Mrs. L. S. Fickenscher was chairman of the committee which arranged the series of health talks.

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The newspapers of Tipton, and particularly the Tipton Tribune, are giving a great deal of space, and flattering and effective editorial support to the Tipton League of Women Voters, and its activities. The League has appointed a committee to interview the councilmen of the various city wards and secure their promises that a woman will be appointed to the school board to fill a coming vacancy. The Tribune article covering the meeting is well written, and constitutes excellent League propaganda.

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Mrs. Edward Franklin White, of Indianapolis, legislative chairman of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, was the speaker at a joint luncheon of the Club League and the League of Women Voters in Fort Wayne, February 16. Her subject was "The Marriage Mess."

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The Peru League invited the men and women of Peru to take a specially conducted tour through the Miami County Museum, under the direction of Hal C. Phelps, January 17. Mr. Phelps has made a life study of the early history of Miami county, and was able to give the League members and guests who took part in the trip through the Museum an unusual treat; the valuable historical relics and data assembled in the Museum are shown only by appointment.

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The February meeting of the Peru League took the form of a dinner, at which Mrs. Peter Oleson of Minnesota was the speaker. Mrs. F. W. Trautman was in charge of the meeting, which was open to the public.

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The Board of Directors of the Indiana League of Women Voters calls its branch leagues throughout the state to send delegates to the fifth annual convention of the League, which will be held in Michigan City, May 13, 14 and 15, 1924.

In the four years of our existence we have made a good beginning on the difficult task of making every voter a conscientious and well informed citizen. We have secured the passage of a number of excellent legislative measures, and the branch leagues, as well as the state organization, are responsible for improved conditions in their communities.

But there is much yet to be done. Presidential, state and local elections, which will be followed by a session of the state Legislature, face us in the coming winter. Our influence is essential for securing an intelligent and representative body of voters, and for protecting good laws now on the statute books, as well as adding some needed measures.

We must take counsel together to determine policies and courses of action. It is important that every individual branch send a full quota of delegates; we need one another in order to develop new ideals, to renew our strength and our vision, so that we may bring to fruition our splendid purposes.

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GET OUT THE VOTE!

There is grave danger that Indiana will spoil a proud record in November. Just because in 1920 our state stood second in the number of electors voting; just because 75 per cent. of our citizens cast their ballots at that election, it is only natural that we should think it unnecessary to make much of an effort this year to get out the vote. And it is especially easy to be indifferent about the primary.

But it is just this inertia of the good citizens which gives the old, untiring, unrelaxing party machines their chance to score. They are not interested in the casting of a large vote; their only real concern is that their own followers should be at the polls—and the fewer other people, the better. You may rest assured that whether you vote or not, whether your neighbors and friends, the people who stand for definite improvements in civic conditions, for good government and clean, efficient business administration of community affairs, show their interest by going to the polls, the organized machine voters will be on hand, and active.

And especially will they be active at the primaries, for they realize fully the importance of the primary in its relation to local affairs. They know, if the average worker does not, that it is in the primary that the conscientious citizen has his greatest opportunity to defeat the party machine, if he considers such a course desirable. The primary gives you, if you will only accept it, the finest chance that has ever been yours to take a real and effective part in party affairs.

If you are satisfied with things as they are—if you are willing to let everything drift, and content yourself with the lazy affirmation that "Politics is a rotten game"—then do not take the trouble to do anything this spring, but do not find fault with the candidates your party nominates, or the action it takes.

Because you are a member of the League of Women Voters, and so, necessarily interested in making conditions better in your community, your state, and your country—because you want good government and all that it implies, do not relax for a moment your efforts to *get out the vote at the primaries.*

SERVICE STATION NOTES

Whom do you *elect* at the primary?

"Nobody," says the star pupil; " we only nominate."

Wrong, little lady, wrong, but who could blame you for the mistake, when the election laws make such a minor point of this matter, and everybody else seems to ignore it, too?

You do elect somebody at the primaries. Somebody of vital importance to you and your neighbors.

And just in order that you may know this, and some other interesting facts which many of us learned (we confess we didn't know any better, either) at the lecture course on "Political Parties," given at Indianapolis by Mr. Frederick H. Guild, professor of political science at Indiana University, under the auspices of the Indiana League of Women Voters and the Extension Division of Indiana University—we are publishing on the opposite page a brief digest of interesting facts about the primary.

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Purpose.

The Primary is designed to permit the individual voter to take an active and effective part in nominating his party's candidates. It is *not* intended to give the voter who is not a member of any party, and who wishes to remain entirely independent of party lines, a chance at nominations. You, as a voter, having made up your mind which party you wish to join, may indicate at the primaries which party candidate you wish to have nominated for various offices.

Offices for Which the Voter Expresses a Preference at the Primary

President of the United States.
Vice-President of the United States.
United States Senators.
Governor of Indiana.

The voter may *indicate his preference* for one of the candidates running for each office listed below. There is no provision for indicating first, second or third choice, however.

Offices for Which Nominations Are Made at the Primary.

Representatives in Congress.
State Senators and Representatives.
Judges of the Circuit, Superior, Criminal, Probate and Juvenile Courts.
Prosecuting Attorneys.
All County officers including Treasurer, Auditor, Sheriff, Recorder, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Surveyor, Coroner, Assessor, Commissioners and members of the City Council; Township Trustees, Township Assessors, Justices of the Peace and Constables.
All elective city officials at a separate city primary.

Party Representatives Elected at the Primary.

Precinct Committeemen.
Delegates to the State Conventions.

What It Takes to Nominate Your Candidates.

Each party holds a State Convention following the primaries. This convention nominates candidates for the party for all state offices, including those of United States Senator and Governor, if the candidates for these offices are not nominated at the primary, as explained below.

You do *not* vote in the primaries on the candidates for Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, or other state offices not mentioned above. These candidates are nominated by the State Convention of your party.

If any candidate either for United States Senator, or for Governor has received a *majority* of all the votes cast in his party at the primary for this office, the state convention is required to ratify his nomination.

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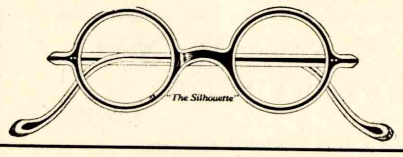

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A Few Facts About The Primary

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them, and the state convention will be privileged to nominate any of the three that it chooses; it may nominate C, who got the smallest number of votes.

In other words, to be nominated in the primaries, a candidate must get more votes than all the other men running for the same office put together. This means, of course, that the more candidates there are for an office the more likely it is none will be are for an office the more likely it is that none will be nominated in the primaries and that the nomination will go to the convention.

This holds true proportionately for all candidates, either for state, county, city, twonship or district offices.

Concerning National Candidates.

If a candidate either for President or Vice-President, receives a majority of the votes cast in his party at the primary for this office, the Indiana dele gates to the national convention of the party ar bound to support him so long as his name is befor the convention; this means, of course, that if he receives only a plurality, the state convention may decide to instruct the delegates to the national convention to support him, or they may instruct them to support another candidate instead. Since only a few states have preferential primaries for President and Vice-President, and since all candidates running for these offices in the United States do not always run in Indiana, the vote taken here at the primaries does not have the weight that mos of us would wish. It is all the more necessary to pay close attention to the candidates for other offices, and particularly to the precinct committeemen and delegates to the State Convention, since these are the men who will really represent and take action for us in party affairs.

Who Can Vote at the Primary.

A legally qualified voter of any precinct is a person 21 years of age, or over, or who will be 21 years old on or before the day of the next general election, who is a citizen of the United States, and who is on the day of the primary a bona fide resident of the precinct in which he votes.

If you have moved, or if your name does not appear on the registration books of the precinct as a member of the party, you will have to make affidavit that you are a resident of that precinct, and that you voted at the last preceding general election for a majority of the candidates of the party in whose primary you wish to vote.

Doing as You Are Told.

You will be instructed, if you are uncertain how to mark your ballot, by the proper election officials

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The National Convention Program

A number of events of unusual interest make outstanding attractions in the well-planned program of the National League of Women Voters' Convention which is to be held in Buffalo, New York, April 24 to 30.

Of especial significance to Indiana women is the dinner of State Presidents, to be held Thursday evening, April 24. Mrs. Thomas Henry Mullins, president of the Indiana League of Women Voters, has been asked to take charge of this dinner, with Mrs. James E. Cheesman, president of the United League of Rhode Island; Mrs. E. L. Hutchinson, president of the Kentucky League, and Mrs. Richard E. Edwards of Indiana. They have planned to make the occasion an informal "get-together" affair, with discussions of problems that are important to all State Presidents. The list of topics to be discussed includes: "Esprit de Corps," "The League and the Party, or Keeping the Balance," "Why a League?" "Your Visible Means of Support," "What Does Each Member Cost Your League?"

Mrs. Maud Wood Park, president of the National League of Women Voters, will address the convention on president's night, April 25. Her subject has not been announced, but those who have heard or read her talks, will be eager to know what message she has brought to the organization for its guidance and inspiration during the coming year.

"State Administration From the Inside," a series of addresses by the governors of New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, promises to be a big "drawing card" for the mass meeting to be held Saturday evening. This offers the delegates and others who attend the convention a rare opportunity to get a peep behind the scenes —if the governors are sufficiently frank.

A mass meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, with Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt as one of the principal speakers. Her subject will be "International Relations."

Monday afternoon, April 28, will present one of the most interesting features of the convention—a conference on Politics in Practice, with such subjects for discussion as: "Women in Party Conventions as Delegates," "The Dividing Line Between the Work of the League and the Political Parties," Law Enforcement," and "Methods of Legislature

Twelve women, chosen as those who are entitled to the honor of being named greatest in their respective fields of work, will be guests of honor at the banquet to be given Monday evening. They have also been asked to make brief addresses.

Tuesday, the last day of the convention proper, will close with a mass meeting at which men of prominence in public affairs will discuss "National Issues of the Day."

State Convention Announcements

Credentials will be issued from State Headquarters at Indianapolis to each state officer and director, each district, county and township chairman, and each chairman of a State Standing Committee, all of whom have votes in the annual convention by virtue of their offices. Headquarters will issue credentials also to the head of each organized township, precinct or local league for the number of delegates to which they are entitled. (Each organized league is entitled to one delegate for the first five memberships on which dues have been paid to the State and to an additional delegate for each ten memberships so paid, and for alternates' credentials for the same number). The League Chairman will then issue these credentials to the qualified delegates and alternates.

Dues must be received at Indianapolis not later than April 15, if credentials are to be issued in time for the convention. Send to the state office, 1606 Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Admission to Sessions

Admission to sessions will be by badge only—delegate, alternate, visitor or press. Visitors may register and receive badges which will admit them to seats in the rear of the hall or the balcony.

The Bureau of Information will be located at the entrance to the Convention Hall.

Hotels

Delegates and visitors are requested to make their hotel reservations directly with the hotel managements. They are advised to enclose the amount of one day's room rent with reservations. The leading Michigan City hotels and their rates, are as follows:

Spaulding Hotel (convention headquarters): double room with bath, $5.00 up; single room with bath, $3.00 and $2.50.

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Sheridan Beach Hotel: double with bath, $5.50; double, no bath, $3.50; single, with bath, $3.50; single, no bath, $2.00.

There will be two banquets; the tickets for each will be $1.50. For banquet tickets write Mrs. William J. Feallock, 402 East Eighth St., Michigan City.

Delegates should address all mail and telegrams in care of the hotel where they expect to stay. If unable to secure accommodations before leaving home, they should use the address, "Care Information Bureau, Indiana League of Women Voters, Convention Floor."

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"They Wail and They Shirk," an editorial in the April *Ladies Home Journal,* is a scathing arraignment of those who find fault with existing conditions around them but do nothing to better them. It applies to a wide variety of "kickers," including the citizens who are too busy or indolent to vote, but who never hesitate to express dissatisfaction with politics and government. The comments on the "Dry Law" situation are particularly good.

"At Home With the Governors," by Frederick L. Collins, is the first of a series of intimate pen portraits of governors of the various states. In the *Woman's Home Companion* for April, Mr. Collins treats of "The 'Wet' Smiths" and "The 'Dry' Pinchots," describing Governor A. L. Smith of New York, and Governor Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania, in a way which discloses the man behind the executive.

Ida Clyde Clarke's editorials in the *Pictorial Review* are always worth while. This month she asks and answers the question, "Is the Woman Movement Moving?" She closes the editorial with the encouraging observation: "Never in the entire history of the woman movement in America have women been so unified as to main purposes. There is less overlapping and less antagonism. There is more understanding and far more tolerance."

Every League member, and, indeed, every woman with a sense of fair play should read "Room for the Indians!" by John Collier in the *Woman Citizen* for March 8. Mr. Collier is the Executive Secretary of the American Indian Defense Association, and he speaks authoritatively of the present situation, appealing to the organized women of the country to save the honor of America by retaining for the Indians their valuable properties which are threatened by the covetousness of unscrupulous politicians and grasping business interests.

Mrs. W. K. Sherman, vice-president of the South Bend League, won a prize in an essay contest in the *Woman's Home Companion;* the February number carries her essay in answer to the question, "Is Your Club Making Good?"

The Farm and Garden department of the Chicago Sunday Tribune quotes some practical suggestions by Mrs. G. Ella Marquess, a member of the Cedar Lake League of Women Voters, on appropriate and practical dress for women gardeners.

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WHAT other STATES are DOING

The Pennsylvania League of Women Voters has just opened an intensive campaign for a Constitutional Convention "for the purpose of readjusting the fundamental body of law of the commonwealth to the end that it may be in harmony with the social, industrial, agricultural, commercial, legal and political conditions of today and of years, perhaps, decades to come." A list of the costs of amendments to the constitution, added since its original passage, which totals over one and a half million dollars is a silent but potent argument, which should go far to convert hesitating tax payers.

Local leagues in Ohio have been conducting membership drives, and have written to the Ohio *Woman Voter* to tell how they secured their members. One woman made a house-to-house canvass, with a copy of the Voter under her arm; another woman got sixteen members in four hours by combined telephone calls and visits; the Columbus League used organization meetings, and the Akron League relied upon carefully planned preliminary newspaper publicity. The Ohio League is putting on a two-day Institute of Politics at Columbus, with the aid of the State University, and the Cleveland and Cincinnati Leagues are running one-day citizenship schools.

Lectures broadcast by radio weekly are aiding the Minnesota League in its "Get Out the Vote" campaign, and in spreading information about the organization and its work.

Two and three-day district Institutes of Politics are being held during March and April by the League, in different parts of the state, with the aid of the State University, the State Teachers' Colleges and Carleton College.

The Kansas League is running a "Salvage Thrift Shop," in Wichita, to which is brought merchandise of all sorts, both new and used, to be sold at reasonable prices to any who care to buy. The venture is new to the League, and is being shared by the local League and the state equally.

The New York League has issued a warning that the literacy test for voters, operating in New York state, and recently placed under the State Department of Education, is threatened by a measure restoring to the election boards the power and duty of making the tests. The League describes the method used by the Board of Education, compares it with that used by the election boards, and points out the danger of fraud in the latter's practice.

Improved tax legislation and the abolishment of the fee system of paying county officers are being advocated by the Georgia League of Women Voters, and by the Atlanta Local League. A signed editorial by a League chairman advocates for Georgia a Constitutional Convention and the drafting of a new Constitution.

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A Few Facts About The Primary

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at the polls. They will give you the necessary mechanical details.

You will have to fold your ballot so that the clerk's initials are outside and easily visible.

Mark your ballot with the pencil offered you by the election official. A prominent Indiana politician lost his vote a few years ago, and told the joke on himself afterwards, because he absentmindedly marked his ballot with a fountain pen which he pulled out of his pocket, and dropped the ballot into the box before he realized what he had done.

The Date of the Primaries This Year.

The first Tuesday after the first Monday in May falls this year on May 6. This is the date for the primaries.

Hours and Requirements for Employers.

The polls must be kept open continuously from 6 in the morning to 6 at night.

All employees shall be given four hours from 6 to 10 o'clock in the morning, except employees in works of necessity, who shall be given four hours at some time during the day.

These are a few of the things we all like to know about the primaries, and most of us need to be reminded of details from time to time—as witness the politician with the fountain pen.

If there are any further details that you are uncertain about with regard to voting, or elections, or any of the subjects related to the "get out the vote" activities, write to *The Woman Voter* and we will be glad to answer your questions promptly.

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Mrs. John Lafollette, assisted by Mrs. E. M. Taylor, was the hostess for the March meeting of the Portland League. New officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Wheeler Ashcraft; Vice-President, Mrs. J. O. Pierce; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Clyde Emerick, and press reporter, Mrs. C. W. McLaughlin. Portland newspapers are cooperating with the League by printing the list of questions in the "Know Your Own County" series, which is being studied by the organization.

Mrs. Peter Oleson, of Minnesota, was the speaker at a dinner given by the Peru League in February. Because of bad roads, Mrs. Oleson was delayed and Dr. Harry Nyce, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Peru, addressed the guests before Mrs. Oleson arrived.

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NEWS of the BRANCH LEAGUES

The Terre Haute League entertained a number of local candidates at dinner this month and invited them to outline their platforms at a public meeting later in the evening. Mayor Ora Davis, candidate for Governor on the Republican ticket, and Adrian Beecher, candidate on the Farmer-Labor tocket, made the first addresses. Senator Charles S. Batt, Democratic candidate, was prevented from being present by illness. Candidates for State Senator, Superior Court Judge, District Commissioner, County Clerk, Prosecutor and other local offices, made brief talks. This is the sort of meeting which most clearly indicates the aims of the League of Women Voters, and its impartial, non-partisan nature.

The Jasper County League put on a one-day citizenship school with sessions in the afternoon and evening on Saturday, March 22. Frederick H. Guild, professor of Political Science at Indiana University, was the principal speaker.

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NEWS OF THE BRANCH LEAGUE

Mrs. Maude Overman, probation officer for the Juvenile Court of Madison County, was the principal speaker at the March meeting of the Anderson League of Women Voters. A general discussion of the city's public utilities followed her address.

Mrs. Minnie Klipple was the hostess for the Brookville League on Friday, March 14. The League is following the "Know Your Own Town" course of study.

The Washington Township League of Women Voters met with Mrs. Eva Thornburg in Milton on March 3.

Frank S. Jones, a Columbus attorney, addressed a public meeting held under the auspices of the Columbus League of Women Voters, March 12. Mrs. Mary Best, president of the city school board, was the leader for the regular meeting of the League March 14, when the subject of "Education," one of the topics in the "Know Your Own Town" study course was discussed.

Mrs. J. A. Dragoo was chairman of the program for the March meeting of the Fayette County League; William K. Stoops, dairyman, Dr. R. H. Elliott, county health officer, Miss Eva Abbott Domestic Science instructor, and Mrs. J. M. Carter, an early resident of Connersville, discussed various topics on the "Know Your Town" program.

The Delphi Historical Society was entertained by the Delphi League of Women Voters at the home of Mrs. L. H. Smith Tuesday, March 4. Mrs. Carrie Cox read a paper on "The First Settlements of the County," and George Julian talked on "The County's Points of Interest and Early Inhabitants."

The Evansville League has undertaken to improve local conditions by a campaign to clean up back yards and see that proper collection of garbage is made in Evansville. Mayor William H. Elmendorf addressed the opening meeting of the campaign on "The Collection and Disposal of Garbage," and asked for the co-operation of the women in bettering sanitary conditions. Mrs. Edward Fehn, chairman of the committee in charge of the work, has announced that prizes of $5, $3 and $2 will be offered school children for the best slogans to be used in this connection.

The establishment of a psychopathic ward at the Indianapolis City Hospital for the examination and treatment of insane prisoners who would otherwise be kept in the jail pending trial, is largely due to the activity of the Indianapolis League of Women Voters, which determined upon the necessity of such a ward some months ago and promptly went to work to secure it.

The Theater department of the Elkhart League gave a successful luncheon at the new club house and Dr. J. Paul Goode of the University of Chicago talked on "Industrial Japan" at a meeting on March 3.

The Fort Wayne League held its March meeting at the Chamber of Commerce building on the 15th. Mrs. Catherine Dinklage presented the National League's program for the coming year, and Miss Bertha Medsker, school attendance officer, spoke on the work of her department.

Mrs. Nora T. Gause was the hostess for the February meeting of the Kokomo League. A new Constitution was adopted, and Mrs. Gause and Mrs. M. J. Hellwig read papers concerning the early history of the town.

Mrs. Thomas Henry Mullins, state president, was the guest of honor at a luncheon given by the Michigan City League late in February. Plans for the State Convention were discussed, and addresses made by Dr. N. N. Oliver, Mrs. L. S. Fickenscher, thirteenth district chairman, and Mrs. Mullins.

The New Albany League of Women Voters perfected its organization, coming into being with the first month of spring. Bi-monthly meetings are planned, and the officers of the new league are: Mrs. Thomas Oglesby, President; Miss Etelka Rockenbach, First Vice-President; Mrs. Joseph Kintner, Second Vice-President; Mrs. John Gadient, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Lee Newhouse, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Charles M. Hauser was the hostess for the meeting of the New Carlisle League, March 11. Dr. S. P. Morgan talked on the general topic of "Health," answering questions propounded in the "Know Your County" program.

The Newburgh League succeeded in raising some money by taking over a local motion picture theater for one evening and selling tickets for the picture. Meetings are held monthly in the Public Library building.

The Princeton League holds its meetings in the city hall. At the March session, Mrs. Thomas Nash discussed the appointive offices of cities. Mrs. Thomas Duncan spoke on political parties, and Mrs. Will Daugherty compared the convention with the primary. Informal discussion followed the talks.

Mrs. May Wood-Simons, chairman of citizenship training for the Illinois League of Women Voters, was the principal speaker at this year's Citizenship Institute of the Tippecanoe County League of Women Voters, which was held March 20 and 21 at Purdue University.

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The State Convention Program

While this number of the Voter is on its way to the printer, the program for the State Convention will receive the few finishing touches that programs always seem to need, even after everyone thinks they have reached perfection. We are doing something a little out of the ordinary this year in having an "all-woman" convention. Of course it is universally acknowledged that women are good talkers, and it has always seemed a little unfair to put mere men into competition with them on the convention programs of such organizations as the League of Women Voters. At any rate, the program committee, headed by Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross of Rensselaer, found available so many good women speakers that they determined to use them instead of looking about for possible masculine orators.

Mrs. James W. Morrisson, who will make the address at the dinner Wednesday evening, May 14, is one of the best known speakers in Illinois. She is the daughter of our own William Dudley Foulke, so that Indiana may in some sense claim her as a Hoosier. Her interest in the League dates back to old suffrage days; in 1914 and 1916 she was the secretary of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association, and was in charge of the Suffrage Parade when the women marched in a cloudburst of rain to the Republican National Convention and got the first suffrage plank in a national platform. She helped organize, and was vice-president of the Illinois League of Women Voters, was Regional Director for the Reduction of Armaments Committee of the National League, and is now Treasurer of the Illinois League. She was on Herbert Hoover's campaign committee, and made a speech seconding his nomination at the 1920 Republican National Convention.

During the war, Mrs. Morrisson helped to organize and served on the executive committee of the woman's committee of the Illinois Council of Defense; her talents as a speaker and her winning personality enabled her to do effective work in the Food Administration, Liberty Loan and other war drives. Mrs. Morrisson is the mother of five charming youngsters, and is a successful home-maker; but her heart is big enough to include an interest in others beside the members of her own home circle; she has done a great deal of work through the United Charities of Chicago, and has been singularly resourceful in making suggestions about case work.

Our own regional director, Mrs. William G. Hibbard, will give a talk at the dinner Wednesday night; Mrs. Rittenhouse, fourth regional secretary, whose brief visit to us last fall made us wish that regional headquarters were in Indianapolis, will tell us about the National Convention Thursday afternoon. We are to hear how the laws we sponsored and had passed are working out; Mrs. Carina C. Warrington, state probation officer, and Miss Blanche Merry, state school attendance officer, will give us concrete information from their experience in enforcing the laws. Dr. Ada Schweitzer will speak on the Sheppard-Towner Act, and one of the women who has had charge of school work under the County Unit plan of operation has been asked to tell us somebody about that much discussed subject.

Mrs. May Wood-Simons, state chairman of citizenship training for the Illinois League of Women Voters, will be the speaker at the banquet Thursday night. Mrs. Wood-Simons is a member of the Institutions Committee and also of the Cook County Affairs Committee of the Chicago Woman's City Club; chairman of the study committee of the International Relations Council of Evanston, and a delegate to the National Convention of the League of Women Voters. She is a graduate of the University of Chicago, and has a master's degree from Northwestern University; she has also studied abroad in France and England. During the war Mrs. Wood-Simons was chairman of Americanization for the Milwaukee County Council of Defense. From 1914 to 1920 she taught history and civics in Wisconsin, and did much lecturing for the extension department of the University of Wisconsin on citizenship and Americanization. At this time she had charge of the citizenship training work for the Wisconsin League. She is one of the most popular women speakers in the middle west.

On Thursday afternoon, the Michigan City League has arranged to take us on a trip to the Dunes, or to show us through the penitentiary.

A Board Dinner at 6:30 Tuesday, May 13, and an evening meeting of the Board will precede the convention proper, which will open Wednesday morning at 9:30 on the mezzanine floor of the Hotel Spaulding. The afternoon session will open at 1:30, and the dinner will be at 6:30. On Thursday the hours will be the same, and the banquet will be followed by the presentation of the new officers.

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THE YEAR'S GOAL

Now that we have all discharged our obligations as good citizens by helping to "get out the vote," and, incidentally, by getting out and voting ourselves, we can look forward with a clear conscience to the pleasure of attending the State Convention, May 13 to 15. And from the looks of the program, which is still in process of being perfected as the Voter goes to press, we all have many a treat before us in the two days covered by the convention arrangements.

The State Convention offers us the one opportunity of the year to get together. It is vitally necessary, if our great work for citizenship is to continue that we agree upon the aims and methods that are most urgent and effective, that we determine upon plans of study and of action for the coming year, and that we renew once more the enthusiasm which has its source in the realization of a great and loyal duty. Coming together to talk over our work and our plans, we shall catch from one another the vital spark with which to carry on our needed service.

We cannot doubt that it is needed. Every month, as it passes gives new evidence of the fact that our republic is on trial. Our form of government, which gives every citizen a chance to participate in the management of his country's affairs faces a perpetual challenge, ever renewed in the minds of thinking people—is democracy worth while? Can the people rule themselves effectively? The ignorance and indifference of the average man and woman with regard to vital issues, both economic and political, seem to justify the doubt. It is for us, the nucleus of the newest group of electors to reply to that challenge and refute that doubt.

Our work as voters and as women has many aspects. We have determined that the mass of women voters shall not be as indifferent or as uninformed with regard to politics, government, issues and candidates as the mass of men voters has been. And we have determined also that certain measures for the protection and the welfare of women and children and for the communities in which they live shall be passed and enforced.

The annual convention is the goal toward which we work during a busy year. It is the hilltop from which we look backward on what has been accomplished, and forward on the work that still lies before us.

Every League in Indiana should be represented at the State Convention this month. Every woman voter in Indiana who is sincerely interested in the honest and effective administration of laws and government needs the contact with other interested and live-minded women which the State Convention affords.

"Come, let us take counsel together."

SERVICE STATION NOTES

MORE ABOUT THE PRIMARY.

What can you do in your primary May 6?

You can elect:

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What is required to nominate a candidate in the second group?

A *plurality* of votes.

What is required to nominate a candidate in the third group?

A candidate for Governor must receive a *majority*—more than half the total number of votes cast for that office in his party's primary. If none of the candidates for Governor receives a majority, the nomination goes to the State Convention of his party.

A candidate for President is nominated by the *National* Convention of his party. If a presidential candidate receives a *majority* of votes in the Indiana primaries, May 6, the Indiana delegates to the National Convention will have to support him as long as his name is before the Convention. If no candidate receives a *majority* of votes, the State Convention will name the candidate to be supported by these delegates.

STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEES

The general convention committees appointed by Mrs. Thomas H. Mullins, state president, are as follows:

Nominations—Mrs. W. T. Barnes, Indianapolis, chairman; Miss Gertrude F. McHugh, Indianapolis, vice-chairman; Mrs. Walter S. Greenough, Indianapolis; Mrs. J. A. Neill, Bloomington; Mrs. J. J. Littrell, Elkhart.

Credentials—Mrs. Homer McCray, Kendallville, chairman; Mrs. Chester A. Evans, Bloomington, vice-chairman; Mrs. W. H. Myers, Hammond; Mrs. Allen T. Fleming, Indianapolis; Mrs. L. S. Fickenscher, South Bend; Mrs. Ines Vail, Michigan City; Mrs. Mary Gill, Michigan City; Mrs. Sarah Savage, Michigan City; Mrs. Nina Haviland, Michigan City.

Elections—Mrs. Thomas Arthur Stuart, Lafayette, chairman; Mrs. Ella B. Kehrer,Anderson, vice-chairman; Mrs. Charles N. Teetor, Hagerstown; Miss Agatha Diek, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Zeola Misener, Michigan City; Mrs. Mineola Worthley, Michigan City; Mrs. Lela Hill, Michigan City; Mrs. Katherine Olvany, Michigan City.

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Time Keepers—Mrs. John C. Boss, Elkhart, chairman; Mrs. W. A. Wilson, Jasper, vice-chairman; Mrs. Louise D. Hellwig, Kokomo; Mrs. Mary Stipp, Michigan City; Miss Etelka Rockenbach, New Albany; Mrs. Dolly Messner, Michigan City; Mrs. C. B. Boucher, Valparaiso; Mrs. A. C. Clauser, Delphi.

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Program Committee—Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross, chairman; Miss Cora May Nafe, Michigan City; Mrs. Richard E. Edwards, Peru; Mrs. G. R. Douglas, Valparaiso; Mrs. Frank E. Streightoff, Indianapolis; Mrs. William H. Ehrich, Evansville; Mrs. James P. Wason, Delphi.

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Reception Committee for Thursday Evening Banquet—Mrs. Harry R. McMullen, Aurora, chairman; Mrs. W. H. Parkinson, Lafayette, vice-chairman; Miss Carolyn Ford, Madison; Mrs. H. F. Nosler, Terre Haute; Mrs. Thomas Oglesby,

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Lucia McBride in the Ohio Woman Voter bases an article on the book, which she describes as "engrossingly interesting."

The Connecticut League Bulletin quotes from it at length in urging the duty of voting upon its readers.

League members who attended Professor Frederick H. Guild's lectures on Political Parties will remember his recommendation of Mr. Kent's book as one of the most readable, modern, sane and concretely informative discussions of politics and party methods as they are actually working out today.

We believe that League members will want this book; it is up to date; it is well and simply written; and it is exactly the type of thing that women who are interested in citizenship need for their information. Therefore we have ordered fifty copies in stout paper bindings, which will be available for League members and others at 75 cents apiece. Let us know soon if you would like to have the book; we will probably exhaust this first order quite rapidly.

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ansville; Miss Katharine Youngman, Princeton; Mrs. Jessie F. Croan, Anderson; Mrs. Bernard Douglas, Shelbyville; Mrs. George Mullen, Brookville; Mrs. F. B. Thompson, Lafayette; Mrs. D. J. Moran, Hammond.

LOCAL COMMITTEES.

Miss Cora May Nafe, president of the Michigan City League, announces the appointment of local committees as follows:

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The Pennsylvania League is celebrating the first anniversary of its bulletin, issued as a magazine; the anniversary number has an attractive three-color cover, an array of meaty articles, and a quantity of advertising which makes us quite green with envy.

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The Ohio League is holding a two-day Institute of Politics at Columbus, in co-operation with Ohio State University. "The Presidential Primary in Ohio," and "Flaws in the Existing Election Machinery," are two of the subjects discussed by leading Ohio politicians. The Ohio Woman Voter carries an application for Absent Voter's Ballots on the inside of the front cover, and warns those who will be absent to make use of it.

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The Wisconsin League holds its state convention at Madison, on May 12, 13 and 14, beginning just a day earlier than we do.

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The Rhode Island League, cooperating with Brown University, held a three-day school for political education during the first week in April. Instructors from Harvard, Wellesley, and Grinnell College, Iowa, as well as members of Brown University faculty and national officers of the League were the speakers, and the program covered a wide range of interesting subjects.

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The Illinois League with other organizations, held a conference April 11 and 12 on the economic aspects of the present world situation—a subject which affects us all so vitally, and yet so intangibly, that we find it especially heartening to see that women voters are turning toward this phase of the international problem; we have, most of us, been giving more attention to the diplomatic, governmental and social aspects of the situation. Looking toward the 1925 General Assembly, the Illinois League is beginning to put forward the Sheppard-Towner bill.

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The St. Louis League put on a slogan contest in its get-out-the-vote campaign, to good effect. "Your vote is power—use it," was the winning slogan.

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The New York League and the New York Council for International Cooperation to Prevent War held a three-day "peace school" March 20 to 22.

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The Cambridge (Massachusetts) League held an interesting "international meeting" recently, at which six foreign countries—England, France, Russia, India, China, and Japan—were represented by guests, and each guest gave an informal talk on the political status of women in her own country.

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State of Indiana, County of Marion, SS.:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Alice Foster Mullins, President, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the publisher of the Woman Voter and that the following is, to the best of her knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in Section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form to wit:

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NEWS of the BRANCH LEAGUES

The Fairview Township League of Fayette County met at the home of Mrs. J. E. Walther in Glenwood, March 21. Mrs. A. J. Britt gave a report on local affairs, Mrs. Charles Newhouse discussed Women in Industry, Mrs. Alfa Wikoff talked on the Charities and Correction department in the Know Your Own County program, Mrs. T. E. Murphy spoke of "Ballot Shy Citizens." and Mrs. Elsie Ruff gave a book review.

The Evansville League has been having a series of card parties under the able direction of Mrs. Fred Van Orman. At the League election April 14 Mrs. Lula Halvorsen was re-elected president, Mrs. Fred Van Orman, first vice president, and Mrs. O. R. Webb secretary. Mrs. A. P. Ritz was elected second vice president, and Mrs. Thomas Ross, treasurer. Delegates who will attend the state convention are: Mrs. Louis Graf, Mrs. Van Orman, Mrs. Fred Lauenstein, Mrs. Webb, and Mrs. Halvorsen.

The Kokomo League of Women Voters is studying the new list of questions, "Know Your Own Party," in addition to the "Know Your Town" group.

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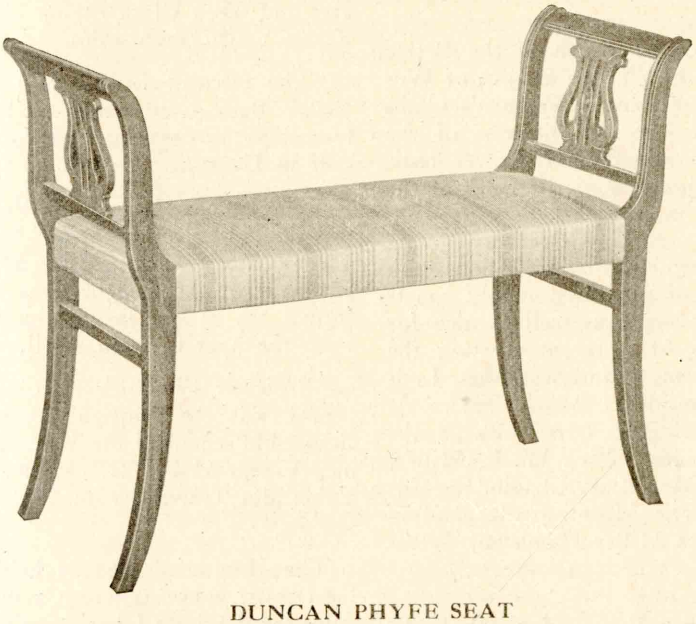

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The Peru League of Women Voters sponsored a most successful "Better Homes" exhibit in March. Henry Ostrum, president of the Home Builders Association of Indianapolis, and C. L. Buckley, chairman of the Miami County Real Estate Board gave talks on the general subject of home building; Miss Pansy Norton, head of the domestic science department of the high school spoke on the work of her department, and Mrs. Leroy Arnold, president of the League, announced the offer of prizes for the best essays on the subject of "Home" to be written by school children of Peru. Local merchants and manufacturers had displays of goods on exhibit at the show.

New officers elected by the Indianapolis League at its April meeting were: Mrs. Samuel E. Perkins, president, Miss Alma Sickler, vice president, Mrs. Stephen E. White second vice president, Mrs. Rosalind English Parsons, secretary, Mrs. Edgar E. Perkins, treasurer, Mrs. Richard M. Coleman, assistant treasurer, and Mrs. Allen T. Fleming, district chairman.

Mrs. William G. Hibbard of Winnetka, Illinois, director of the Fourth Region for the National League, was the principal speaker at the 13th District convention Saturday, April 5, in South Bend. Mrs. Wilbur Templin of Elkhart, Child Welfare Chairman for the State League, spoke on the work of her department.

Mrs. C. W. Houeck, chairman of the Better Yards committee of the Ft. Wayne League of Women Voters will organize Farmer Women's Clubs throughout Allen county in the interests of the Better Yards movement and the fall flower festival. This is an important part of the work of the Ft. Wayne League.

The South Bend League has filed petitions with the jury commissioners of the three county courts asking that they select women as well as men for jury service hereafter. At a recent meeting the League elected new officers as follows: Mrs. Ludwig S. Fickenscher, President; Mrs. Charles A. Carlisle, Honorary President; Mrs. George W. Phillips, First Vice-President; Mrs. W. E. Miller, Second Vice-President; Mrs. E. P. Chapin, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Carrie Meyer, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Dora Miller Hamilton, Treasurer.

The League of Women Voters of North Barkley, near Newland, is holding regular meetings at the homes of the different members.

Mrs. Adam Shafer was the hostess for the meeting of the Cedar Lake League in March.

The Stroh League of Women Voters met March 26 with Mrs. William Anders. Mrs. Lester Palmer and Mrs. Arthur Langley read articles by Mrs. Catt on "Election Frauds" and on Government. After the round table discussion of these articles, Mrs. Will Herr conducted a questionnaire on local history. The need of a public library in Stroh was discussed, and the League determined to see what can be done to secure one.

Mrs. H. F. Nosler was elected president of the Terre Haute League to succeed Mrs. Harriet Dickey, who resigned because of poor health.

The Anderson League discussed methods of inducing women to get out and vote at the primaries during a recent meeting at which the question of Public Utilities was also considered.

Mrs. Carina C. Warrington of Ft. Wayne addressed the Bluffton League March 25 on the work of the probation department.

The Brookville League met with Mrs. S. S. Harrell, April 4. The topic of Education in the Know Your Town series was discussed, and the League also considered local traffic problems.

Mrs. Harry Von Lurthe, assisted by Mrs. William Frank was the hostess for the Aurora League of Women Voters March 17. Mrs. Rosalia Pfisterer and Mrs. Clara Ewing discussed topics in the Know Your Town series.

The Decatur League is arranging for one-day Better Baby Conferences to be held in as many townships as possible, and for a two-day conference in Decatur.

The Elkhart League of Women Voters heard a talk on "The Primary Law," by Ruskin B. Phillips, a local attorney, on April 7. Mrs. A. H. Beardsley, president of the League, was the guest at an informal tea at the League building on her return from the west early in April.

Professor Frederick H. Guild of Indiana University was the principal speaker at the one day citizenship school of the Valparaiso League of Women Voters March 21. Members of the faculty of Valparaiso University made addresses during the session.

The Hammond League held a meeting in the local court house at which a number of the candidates for the State Legislature defined their attitude towards the League measures and projects; all candidates declared themselves in favor of the constructive legislation sponsored by the League. Mrs. D. J. Morgan was recently elected president of the Hammond League.

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OUR NEW OFFICERS

Mrs. WILLIAM T. BARNES

President

The quiet gentle little lady who is to guide the Indiana League of Women Voters through the turbulence of a year that includes a National Election and a session of the State Legislature, brings to the presidential office years of experience as a leader and a valuable executive in various women's organizations. Coming of Quaker ancestry, Mrs. William T. Barnes grew up with the idea that women could and should take an equal part with men in the management of public affairs. She was one of the six or seven women who met on Miss Harriet Noble's porch in Indianapolis one summer day to organize the League which worked for and obtained school suffrage, and which later developed into the Franchise League. She has been a member of the Board of Directors of this organization since its beginning, and through its reorganization into the League of Women Voters. She has also been president of the Indianapolis League and a member of the board since its organization. Mrs. Barnes has acted as secretary, and has been three times president of the Local Council of Women. She was for five years secretary of the German Literary Club, was connected with Mrs. Sewell's Classical School for Girls throughout its existence, and has long been a member of the Contemporary Club of Indianapolis, an organization of men and women. She brings to her office an alert and well-trained mind, enthusiasm, experience, tact, resourcefulness, and a practical and unselfish devotion.

Mrs. Walter S. Greenough of Indianapolis, who, as chairman of the Department of Administration has done much to extend and improve headquarters service was re-elected first vice-president.

Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross of Rensselaer, efficient Tenth district chairman and chairman of the program committee for the State Convention, was elected second vice-president. Mrs. Frederick Lauenstein of Evansville, a director at large and a popular board member was made third vice-president, and Mrs. I. E. May of Anderson, the resourceful Eighth district chairman, who has been very faithful in attending board meetings during the past year, is fourth vice-president.

Mrs. Thomas Henry Mullins, once more of Ft. Wayne, has accepted the arduous duties of State Treasurer, with a splendid determination to put the new finance plan into execution, and relieve both State and Local Leagues of some of their financial burdens. Miss Adah E. Bush, whose effective service as chairman of the Finance Committee, and advertising manager for the year book last year will be remembered, was chosen secretary for 1924-25.

With such officers as these, the organization may look forward confidently to a year of steady growth and substantial achievement.

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TIME AND MONEY

How many interests claim your time?

Have you ever stopped in the mad rush that seems to be the normal way of living for most of us in this generation, and reckoned up the proportion of your time and energy that your various activities take?

Keep a diary for a week or just a month, just as an experiment, a very business-like diary which reckons minutes as your household accounts reckon pennies; two hours in the morning for getting breakfast, clearing up, and seeing the children off to school, half an hour for the morning paper, so much time for this and so much for that through the day. For every individual the tally will run differently; the care of home and family will rightly bulk large in the account; some of us will have a regular allotment for business; social contacts, calling and parties will take many hours for others; and church duties will occupy many. But just what proportion will be taken by the duties of citizenship?

Such a "time account" is valuable largely as a basis for a budget, not of money, but of thought and energy and well-directed activity. And some place in that budget should be a few hours devoted to the service of your community and your country —to making yourself an efficient, helpful, desirable citizen.

You budget your income; even though you may do it unconsciously and unsystematically, and not very thoroughly, you do have some idea of how much of your household allowance may go for food, how much for service, how much for clothes, and how much for the various other interests that take their place in your daily living.

Don't you really owe some portion of that income and some portion of your time as well to the business of being a citizen?

Look over your accounts—both kinds; reckon the proportions of time and money that your various interests have occupied in the past; in some cases you will be surprised at what you will discover.

And when all is clear before you, and you have some facts to go on, work out a budget of your time and money for the year to come, and make a place on that budget for citizenship.

SERVICE STATION NOTES

What will headquarters do for your League?

Right now, when our thoughts are mostly occupied with the new finance plan, and ways and means of filling the district quota, headquarters offers every league a real service.

There are many people in your community who are interested in good government, in better schools, in child welfare, in health promotion, in improving the conditions of women workers—briefly, in League work. They may be League members or they may be unable to join the League because of other obligations. They may be prominent members of other organizations, or women whose primary interest is in social activity, or business women, or just home folks. They may be men.

Most of them would be glad to help the work that the League is doing, if they knew more about it. Most of them would be interested in promoting good citizenship, and grateful for an opportunity to help it along without sacrificing too much of the time that they have promised to other affairs.

You know their names. We don't.

But if you will send us their names and addresses, and any other information that you think might be helpful, we will be glad, here at the State Office, to write to them, telling them something of what the League is, what it has done and is doing, and is planning to do, and asking them to pledge us a sum of money for aid in this work. Whatever they send us will be credited on the quota for the district which has sent in the names and in which they live.

This will be a real help to you in raising your district quota. But don't forget to send the correct address of the people you want us to write to, and your own name and address as well, with the number of your district.

REAL LEAGUE WORK

Non-partisan candidates meetings have become very popular with Leagues of Women Voters throughout Indiana. The Elkhart League arranged a series of three such meetings during the week before the primary, at which the various candidates of both parties were invited to talk. These were all open to the public. The Kokomo League invited candidates of both parties to speak at a meeting shortly before the primaries. Candidates for the legislature addressed a public meeting held by the Hammond League, and six candidates for the office of judge of the circuit court spoke at a meeting of the Bluffton League. Laws now in force relating to juvenile delinquency were assailed and defended in turn by the different candidates, which showed the women clearly the attitude each man would take toward some of the most important of the measures backed by the League. New officers of the Bluffton League elected at the business meeting were: Mrs. J. H. Merriman, president; Mrs. F. J. Longden, secretary, and Mrs. Arch Cook, treasurer.

LOOKING BACK ON THE STATE CONVENTION

When we try to go over in our minds the busy days of the Convention and pick out the outstanding features, we are faced with an almost impossible task, for there were so many good things crowded into the very short space of time, that almost every hour of the two days really contained something worthy of mention.

First of all, of course, comes the work of the Michigan City League, and, indeed, of all the Thirteenth district, in arranging for, receiving, and caring for the Convention and those who attended it. Every member of the committees that were responsible for the various details deserved the resolution of appreciation and thanks presented by Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl at the Thursday session, and unanimously and heartily endorsed by the women who were enjoying Michigan City's hospitality. The trip through the state penitentiary, a very special privilege, as women are almost never allowed to go through the institution, was an experience which none of the women who took it can ever forget. We all shuddered to realize that the continuance of the splendidly constructive work of practical reformation which is going on in the penitentiary is dependent on the whim of any politician who is elected governor of Indiana.

Thursday afternoon ended in lighter vein with the delightful drive through the dunes and along the lake front into Michigan and the charming tea at the Golfmore Hotel. We felt especially honored, and doubly grateful to the Michigan City women who had made the arrangements, since the hotel was opened in our honor, before the regular season began. The beautiful salon made a rich setting for the bright gowns and scarfs of the visitors; the hotel manager was besieged by women asking for information about rates and opening dates, as the hotel is exceptionally attractive, with its outlook on Lake Michigan, its bathing beach, golf courses, and exquisite modern appointments.

Perhaps one of the most striking events was the enthusiastic acceptance of the new finance plan, which was launched by Mrs. Mullins at the afternoon session; the drive was opened by Mrs. Richard E. Edwards of Peru at the dinner Wednesday night. When Mrs. Edwards called for individual pledges (each of which will be credited to the district from which it comes) women sprang to their feet all over the banquet hall, eager to give that the League might continue and enlarge its work for citizenship. Less spectacular, but equally fine had been the attitude of district chairmen when, in a conference Tuesday evening, they had quitely accepted the quotas for their districts, and pledged their aid in raising these quotas promptly and completely.

So much of interest was discussed by the speakers, that it would require an extra edition of the *Voter* to give you all of it. Every one felt that the feature "League Laws in Action" was especially valuable; after hearing Mrs. Warrington, Miss Merry and Dr. Schweitzer we realized that at all costs these departments which are doing so much for the mental moral and physical health of Indiana must be protected and enabled to continue and to expand their activities. We all agreed with the eminent prison official who said to Mrs. Warrington, "yours is the only criminal work that starts at the bottom; the rest of us, like the old-fashioned doctors, have to start at the top, trying to mend what's already broken, but you, like modern therapy, try to save the moral health by preventing the break." Miss Merry's work, the practical work of a practical woman, undertakes to fit the school to the child, whose limitations are already fixed and beyond its control, instead of trying to fit the child to a school program beyond its possibilities or needs. It is interesting to realize that it was the extremely practical feminine insight which took this attitude; when the truant laws forced backward children into schools unprepared for them, and upset

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HAVE YOU READ 'EM?

"Money in Politics—a Growing Menace," is a splendid article in *The Woman Citizen* for May 3. It is the second of a series of short articles by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt on the subject of influences that enter into "invisible government," and it is just the sort of thing that women voters need to know. Read it, if only to find what remedy Mrs. Catt suggests—a remedy so simple and practical that it is certain to raise an agonized howl from every old line politician in the country.

We take issue with Anna Steese Richardson on her article in the June *Woman's Home Companion*: "The Rubber-Stamp Endorsement." It is a stimulating article, and to some extent a well-deserved rebuke, for women in general do not inform themselves thoroughly enough on the measures which their organizations are asked to endorse or to defeat. But the national board of any women's organization is supposedly chosen for its ability; to it is delegated the authority to take action in various ways for the body as a whole. If the rank and file in women's organizations cannot trust the officers and members of the board to investigate carefully and act wisely for them, then the organizations should disband, or select officers and board members to whom they can delegate such authority. But read the article yourself and see what you think.

"The Republican Party has lost its unity. The Democratic party has lost its leader. Both have lost their tempers." Thus Charles Merz, a journalist of distinction, opens his article "On the Eve of Two Conventions—a Balance Sheet of the Republican and Democratic Parties," in the June *Century*. The article is a shrewd and disinterested survey of party conditions. And incidentally, if you can get hold of the April *Century* you will enjoy reading "The Seven Lamps of Politics," also.

PLAN OF WORK 1924-1925

JUNE.

Finances. An intensive drive to complete State League's budget and local budgets, if so desired.

JULY AND AUGUST.

Have exhibits at county fairs and Chautauquas, speakers, literature, etc. Continue finance and membership drives.

SEPTEMBER.

Business meeting. Plan work and program for the year. Continue the "Know Your Town" study, supplementing with the Russell Sage Foundation pamphlet. From the first year's study of "Know Your Town" let the local Leagues, if possible select a local problem needing immediate attention and work for it during the year. Send delegations, consisting of at least three members, to all candidates for Congress and the Legislature, to and secure their support.

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OCTOBER.

Birthday parties and receptions to new members (A good time to raise the District Dues).

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DECEMBER.

Study the League's legislative recommendations. After the November election, send delegations to successful candidates again enlisting their support of the League's legislative program.

JANUARY.

"Know Your Own Foreign Policy." First reports from the Legislature.

FEBRUARY.

Progress of League bills in the Legislature.

MARCH.

Report of work done in the 1925 Legislature. One-day citizenship schools, at least one in each District.

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Looking Back on the State Convention

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the ordered curriculum of the class rooms, it took a woman to say "The schools exist to give the children the best education that they are mentally and physically capable of taking; children are not all alike; some must learn slower than others, and in different ways; it is up to the schools to adjust their methods to benefit the children, not try to make the children come up to an impossible system, and refuse to educate those who can't." Dr. Schweitzer's explanation of the splendid work that is being done to spread knowledge about the care of children and mothers, and her encouraging report of the lowered death rate for babies which has followed the expansion of the child welfare work brought home to us the fact that the Sheppard-Towner bill now being administered is actually saving lives in our state.

"It was just what you'd like to think our government will be some day," said Mrs. Hibbard, our own regional director, in describing the National Convention, its orderliness, significance, efficient administration, and general perfection of tone. Mrs. Hibbard touched on the leading features of the National Convention, making many of us who could not attend it regret the fact that we have missed something rare and fine.

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WHAT other STATES are DOING

The Savannah (Georgia) League of Women Voters began five years ago an agitation for the use of the Australian ballot and secret voting. They demonstrated its practicability by a vote cast throughout the city by that method on a question of city surveying then before the public; women acted as managers and clerks at all polling places. From that time on the League kept up an agitation for the measure, and at length succeeded in having it passed. Then they recommended the division of the city into precincts, gained representation on the committee which did the work, helped to select the polling places, and sent a woman to every polling place to direct voters who had strayed into the wrong precinct. Policemen and political managers marvelled at the results; said one of them, "Why, I've seen the day when I was jerked out of my box five times and was bloody all over—them times have passed. The ladies certainly have cut out the rough stuff."

Prizes of $50 and $25 are being offered by the New York League to high school children for essays on the subject "When Every Voter Votes;" the essays are to be based on *The Great Game of Politics*, by Frank R. Kent. Incidentally, this book is real, live stuff; you can get a copy by writing to state headquarters, 1606 Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, and enclosing check for 75 cents.

The West Hartford (Connecticut) League was told that not more than 300 citizens would turn out on registration day in that city. Accepting this statement as a challenge, the women organized a "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign which included telephone calls to all the women on the party lists, and the services of an extensive and untiring motor corps. As a result 940 voters were registered—tripling the estimate, and setting the highest registration record in the history of the town.

Rhode Island has just completed a most successful three-day "School for Political Education," held at Brown University. Wellesley, Harvard, and Grinnell College, Iowa, as well as Brown University contributed distinguished members of their faculties as instructors, and Miss Ruth Morgan, third vice-president of the National League, made an address on the "Monroe Doctrine." Such a project is a mighty stimulus toward active and enlightened citizenship.

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In her talk Wednesday evening on "The Challenge of the League," Mrs. Morrisson said: "The League was an experiment; it has succeeded. It has developed technique, efficiency, sureness and poise, and these things were especially noticeable at the Buffalo Convention. We owe a great deal to the Indiana member of the National Board—to the untiring energy, good, sound business sense, resourcefulness, and imagination of Marie Edwards. She it was who said to us 'the majority of women have pretty full lives; we must arrange our program of work so that the average woman can fit it into her day.' We are primarily an educational organization. Our big piece of work for this year is the 'Get-Out-The-Vote' campaign. The most solemn and serious duty resting on all of us is the duty of making further warfare impossible; we have set our hands to this job, and we are not going to stop until it is complete. This is our challenge."

At the banquet Thursday night Mrs. May Wood-Simons emphasized the importance of the educational aspect of League work, and showed what an immense field of study must be covered before we can be completely competent to vote and hold office as intelligent citizens and leaders.

Mrs. Harold R. Peat, who poured at the League tea at the Golfmore Hotel Thursday afternoon made a talk at the banquet so charming in its mingling of Irish wit with sound, constructive comment on affairs in the United States that we all regretted its brevity, and hoped that we might have Mrs. Peat on a League program soon again.

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Mrs. Ira M. Holmes was made chairman of a committee which compiled records of candidates who were about to run for office in Marion County; these records were made available to interested persons by the Indianapolis League of Women Voters.

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Professor S. F. Buxton, associate professor of Industrial Education for Purdue University addressed a May meeting of the Tippecanoe County League of Women Voters on "The Workers in Indiana's Industries." New officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. T. A. Stuart, president; Mrs. Schuyler C. Marks, vice-president; Miss Ida Lahr, treasurer; Mrs. Clyde H. Jones, secretary. A recent editorial in the Lafayette Courier praised the work of the League in getting out the vote at the primaries.

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Mrs. Edward Lacke, a member of the Newburg League, was appointed by Secretary Herbert Hoover local chairman of the Better Homes movement. The League held a discussion meeting in April to review the duties of county officers with a view to choosing well-qualified candidates in the coming primaries; the meeting was thrown open to the public, as was the May meeting, at which the "County Unit" question was discussed.

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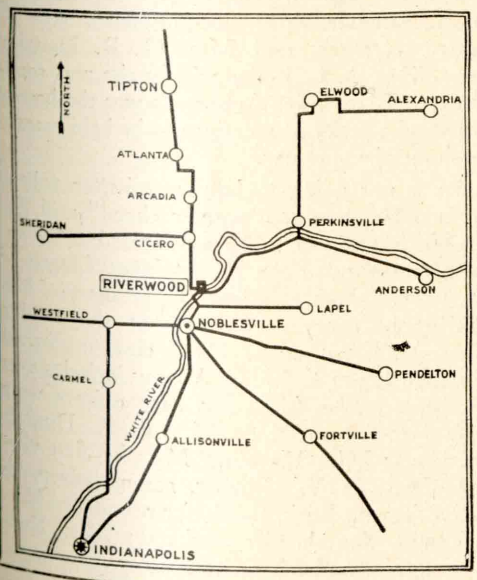

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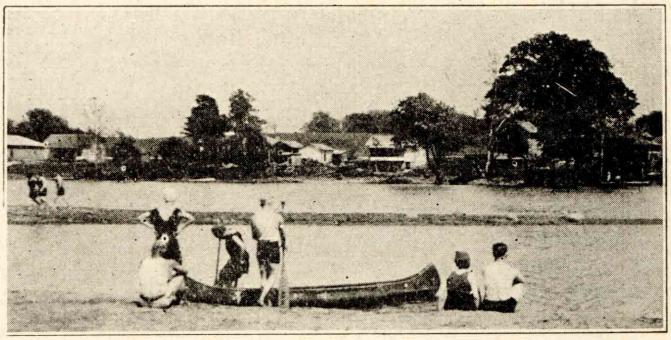

NEWS OF THE BRANCH LEAGUES

The Evansville League of Women Voters is rendering a high type of community service in carrying on a well-planned and efficiently organized garbage disposal campaign. Mayor Elmendorf and the local newspapers are heartily co-operating; moving picture theatres are showing special slides at all performances; clean-up slogans for use in the drive were supplied by school children under the spur of cash prizes offered by the League. Mrs. Edward Fehn is the chairman of the committee in charge. The League has also launched a vigorous attack against literary garbage in an attempt to suppress the local sale of obscene magazines. At a recent election Mrs. Lula Halvorsen was re-elected president, Mrs. Fred Van Orman, first vice-president, and Mrs. O. R. Webb, secretary. Mrs. Thomas Ross was made treasurer, succeeding Miss Irene Becker, who had served two years, and Mrs. A. P. Ritz was chosen second vice-president.

Mrs. W. A. Cullop of Vincennes has been elected second district chairman for the League. At an April luncheon meeting of the Vincennes League Mrs. Thomas Henry Mullins, formerly president and now treasurer of the State League made a talk; a number of members from Bicknell attended the meeting.

Mrs. Oscar Haas was elected president of the Princeton League at an April meeting. Other officers elected were: Mrs. A. R. Burton, first vice-president; Miss Florence Strain, second vice-president; Mrs. H. B. Yewell, third vice-president; Miss Katherine Youngman, secretary-treasurer. A spirited discussion of the primary law followed the election.

Miss Ranna Creson, president of the Anderson League, presided Wednesday at the last regular meeting of the League for this season. No meetings will be held during June, July, and August, except as specially called. The League plans to instruct women in voting procedure as a part of the "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign in the fall.

The Bloomington League of Women Voters has reorganized and elected officers for the coming year, as follows: Mrs. James A. Neill, president; Mrs. James A. Woodburn, first vice-president; Mrs. T. E. Nicholson, second vice-president; Mrs. Max Lade, recording secretary; Miss Emma Booie, treasurer; Mrs. T. J. Louden, corresponding secretary. At the first meeting in April, Mrs. Woodburn spoke on the History and Purpose of the League, and Mrs. Neill on the Advantages and Disadvantages of the Primary.

"Industry and Workers" were discussed at the May meeting of the Columbus League of Women Voters. Officers for the past year were re-elected as follows: Miss Vida Newsom, president; Mrs. Alice Wells, vice-president; Mrs. Laura D. Fix, secretary; Mrs. William Budd, treasurer.

School girls of Decatur will hold an election, and rule the city for one hour at some date to be decided later; the Decatur League of Women Voters is putting forward this proposition, in order that the girls as well as the boys of Decatur may have an opportunity to learn something of city administration at first hand. The boys held their election May 9.

The Terre Haute League put on a splendid "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign just before the primaries. Printed flyers urging women to vote and giving pertinent reasons in snappy, effective sentences were distributed throughout the city and county, and moving picture houses showed similar matter on their screens. The churches lent their hearty support to the movement, and all the local newspapers carried editorials commending the League's efforts, in addition to well-displayed columns of news about the campaign. Mrs. J. H. Nosler was in charge of the project.

"Popular music made good, and good music made popular," was the aim of the South Bend League of Women Voters in its observance of National Music Week, May 4 to 10. Every day had its special program; the schools put on a series of daily musical events; various clubs planned special features open to the public and a children's program was put on Saturday morning. The Student Symphony orchestra opened the week with a concert Sunday afternoon, and Raymond Koch, nationally famous baritone of St. Louis was imported for the closing program Sunday, May 11. Mrs. Floyd Gaumer was in charge of the work as chairman, with Mrs. A. R. Erskine as honorary chairman.

Mrs. R. R. Sherburne was re-elected president, and Mrs. C. W. Boucher first vice-president of the Valparaiso League at a recent meeting. Mrs. Louise Schauer was elected second vice-president; Mrs. S. E. Shideler, third vice-president; Mrs. A. O. Bondy, secretary, and Mrs. G. R. Douglas, treasurer. Mrs. A. L. Bailey will be the new county chairman. Mrs. Giles Aylsworth was the hostess for the first of a series of meetings to be held monthly throughout the summer.

"You are not going to have any better politics than the people who participate in them," said Edward G. Hoffman in an address delivered at the annual public meeting of the Fort Wayne League of Women Voters shortly before the primary. Mr. Hoffman urged everyone to vote at the coming elections. A "Know Your City" class conducted by the League at the Y. W. C. A. now includes over 100 members. The following new officers were elected at a recent meeting: Mrs. C. A. Dunkelberg, president; Miss Margaret Murphy, first vice-president; Mrs. B. W. Rhamy, second vice-president; Miss Agatha Diek, third vice-president; Mrs. S. M. Foster, fourth vice-president; Miss Nora Shreve, secretary, and Miss Cecil Foley, treasurer.

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The Fourth Regional Institute

Ann Arbor, Michigan, is the goal toward which the women voters of seven states are turning this summer. The campus of the University of Michigan offers a cool haven from the tropic heat of late July; and it is this campus which has been chosen as headquarters for the Institute of Government and Politics which the Fourth Region, in co-operation with the University of Michigan, is arranging. From July 21, to July 26, instructors from the University of the Philippines, Cornell University, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Illinois, and the University of Michigan, each one a widely known specialist in his line, will offer intensive courses in political, governmental, legislative and international problems. Primarily intended for the women citizens of the states in the Fourth Region, the Institute is, however, open to anyone, man or woman, who is interested in the subjects it presents. It offers an exceptional opportunity to obtain really authoritative knowledge on a wide range of topics of interest to all intelligent voters. And best of all, the cost, including everything from Pullman tickets to registration fee is less than that of an ordinary vacation camping trip.

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Chair in Pullman and return	3.00
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Chester E. Rightor, Chief Accountant, Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research, and also one of the University's lecturers on Political Science.

A. Harrington Place, a former civil service examiner, and a member of the staff of the Detroit Bureau.

POLITICAL PARTIES AND NOMINATING METHODS

Two lectures and one round table on political parties and nominating methods.

One lecture analyzing the vote cast in recent elections in relation to Getting Out the Vote.

Thomas Reed, author of *Government for the People, Forms and Functions of American Government, Loyal Citizenship;* a graduate of the Harvard Law School, and professor of municipal government at the University of Michigan.

LAW MAKING BODIES

Two lectures.

William P. Lovett, secretary of the Detroit Citizens League, a volunteer agency to secure honest elections, efficient government and such measures as will advance the better interests of Detroit; a specialist on city charters, and on the city manager plan; a former newspaper man, editorial writer and correspondent specializing in government and politics.

LEGISLATION AND SOCIAL PROGRESS

Three lectures.

Arthur E. Wood, a University of Michigan professor, and a specialist in sociology, and political science.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Three lectures, one round table, one evening meeting.

Arthur S. Aiton, University of Michigan.

J. Ralston Hayden, director of the Bureau of Government, University of Michigan; formerly exchange professor at the University of the Philippines, and an authority on the government of colonies; recently returned from a trip around the world to study government organization.

Maximo Kalaw, Dean of the University of the

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KEEP COOL AND LISTEN

That's all you have to do from July 21 to July 26, if you attend the Fourth Region Institute; people flock to Michigan and other cool states during the torrid months of Indiana's justly famous summers, but not many of them have the opportunity of listening to lectures by distinguished professors from half a dozen leading American universities while enjoying the comforts of a temperate northern climate. The Institute offers just this ideal combination, a summer outing and a college course; a real vacation, restful and refreshing, but a vacation with a purpose.

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Start or finish your summer's outing with a week at the Fourth Regional Institute. It will make you a broader thinker, a more efficient citizen, a more helpful League member, and a much more capable and intelligent voter.

SERVICE STATION NOTES

A National League Triumph

The passage of the Child Labor amendment to the United States Constitution, making it possible for Congress to limit, regulate or prohibit the labor of persons under eighteen years of age, is a distinct victory for the National League of Women Voters and the other women's organizations which endorsed the amendment.

It is also a demonstration of the power of the State Leagues, which concentrated their efforts on the senators and representatives, urging them to support the measure, and which gave widespread local publicity to their statements as to whether or not they would do so. The direct and unmistakable evidence of strong feeling as shown by the local leagues' prompt and frequent telegrams and letters to their representatives in the House, had a telling effect on the vote of that body.

The Indiana vote is decidedly creditable. The "amendment" referred to below was designed to amend the age limit in the original resolution from eighteen to sixteen years; as this would have weakened the original measure, supporters of the resolution were asked to vote against this amendment.

Senator Watson voted for the measure.

Senator Ralston was unavoidably absent from Washington when the resolution reached the Senate.

The Congressional Record gives the vote in the House as follows:

William E. Wilson—for the resolution and against the amendment.

Arthur H. Greenwood—for the resolution and against the amendment.

Frank Gardner—for the resolution and against the amendment.

Harry C. Canfield—for the resolution and for the amendment.

Everett Sanders—for the resolution.

Richard N. Elliott—for the resolution and against the amendment.

Merrill Moores—against the resolution and against the amendment.

Albert H. Vestal—not voting—paired for the amendment.

Fred S. Purnell—for the resolution and against the amendment.

William R. Wood—for the resolution and against the amendment.

Samuel E. Cook—for the resolution and against the amendment.

Louis W. Fairfield—for the resolution and against the amendment.

Andrew J. Hickey—for the resolution and against the amendment.

It would be gracious to write to your representative and thank him for his vote on this question; he deserves this courtesy.

STATE OFFICE CLOSED JULY 20 TO AUGUST 1

The State Headquarters at 1606 Spink Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, will be closed from July 20 to August 1.

The Secretary, Miss Helen Rogers Hand, will attend the Institute of Government and Politics at Ann Arbor, Michigan, the week of the twentieth, and will take a week's vacation when the Institute closes.

It is highly important that all leagues get in their orders for material for county fairs and chautauquas, the inquiries they want to make, and other requests, in time to be answered before the 19th, which is Saturday. The earlier a request comes in, the better is the service that can be given.

There will be no August edition of *The Woman Voter*, but the September issue will be a double number, with special features, including an article especially interesting and timely in connection with the Get Out The Vote campaign—"The Function of the Independent Voter," by Frederick H. Guild, professor of political science at Indiana University, and instructor for the League's class in "Political Parties."

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Philippines.

Speaker for the evening meeting, July 24, which will be open to the public, to be announced.

POPULAR METHODS OF TEACHING GOVERNMENT

Two hours.

Thomas H. Reed, University of Michigan.

Mrs. May Wood Simons, Northwestern University, chairman of citizenship for the Illinois League of Women Voters; chairman of the study committee of the International Relations Council of Evanston.

No two lectures are scheduled for the same hour; this means that each student may attend all the lectures for the one registration fee of $8.00. Registration will take place on Monday, July 21, from 11 to 12 a. m. in the parlor of the Barbour Gymnasium at the University of Michigan. Mrs. Wood-Simons and Mrs. Paul Rittenhouse, secretary of the Fourth Region, will have charge of the registration.

The opening session of the Institute will begin at 1:30 Monday afternoon. Our own Mrs. Rittenhouse will give the address of welcome for the National League, and for the Region. Other speakers will be Edward Kraus, Dean of the Summer Session, University of Michigan, Mrs. Craig Miller, president of the Michigan League of Women Voters, and Mrs. Wood-Simons, chairman of the Institute. Class hours are from 10 to 12 and 2 to 4 or 5. The Saturday session, which closes the Institute, ends at 12.

Mrs. George Patterson, president of the Ann Arbor League of Women Voters will be the hostess at an informal reception at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, following the first day's lectures.

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"Is the American woman, judged by what she has done with the vote and by what she is endeavoring to do with it, paternalistic by nature and habit?" asks George Madden Martin in an article in the July *Atlantic Monthly,* and answers her own question: "It seems to me when I consider what we women here in the United States have done with the vote in the first three years of our enfranchisement, and are planning to do, that Uncle Sam in the minds of the American women today stands in her political world * * * as the strong arm of her lord and master stood to the earlier woman, that is, as the agent or * * * vested power, through which the individual or the individual group shall and must move to obtain its ends. * * * "Why a Federal law when it is clearly our duty as responsible parts now of our local governments to make our own state behave—our duty to remember, if indeed we've ever grasped, that in respect to our Federal Government, 'an irreducible minimum of compulsion is the very essence of good government.' "

The article is serious, thoughtful, and well-written; it will prove stimulating whether you agree with it or not.

"The American Woman Writes Her Platform," an editorial in the July *Pictorial Review* by Ida Clyde Clarke, says that women have put forward a platform of two planks—immediate national and international measures to insure world peace, and strict enforcement of law. After saying that organizations were slow to take definite action about world peace, Mrs. Clarke says:

"The League of Women Voters did take a definite step when it declared for a World Court for the settlement of international disagreements. perhaps this positive action on the part of one great organization started positive currents flowing." At any rate, eighteen national women's organizations declared for it, after the League had led the way.

"Four Years of Equal Suffrage," by Edna Kenton in the July *Forum*, touches on the achievements of women's organizations in obtaining certain legislation, among which several League measures are mentioned, tells of women who have taken prominent parts in public work and concludes:

"Anyhow, in all the years that men have had the monopoly of the government, they have not proved themselves so wise but that the constructive force of woman would constitute a balance to the hereditary destructive instinct of man."

The July *Delinator* carries a pertinent editorial on the malicious gossip about presidental candidates which is almost always circulated during a political campaign; it cites several historic incidents of scurrilous and groundless gossip, and closes with a plea for a "square deal" for every candidate.

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The Scholarship Plan

One of the purposes of the Institute is to train the women who attend it in order that they may return to their localities prepared to put on one-day citizenship schools at various points in the district or county, and also, perhaps, organize instruction classes in their own local leagues.

In order to further this purpose, local leagues and districts are urged to give a scholarship of all or part of the expense of attending the Institute to one or more of their members. These women will then be prepared to give their communities the benefit of their instruction by the organization of citizenship schools, and study groups.

The first scholarship in Indiana goes to Miss Helen Rogers Hand, executive secretary of the Indiana League of Women Voters, whose resourceful and untiring work has done much for citizenship schools in various parts of Indiana during the past year. In presenting the scholarship to Miss Hand at the June meeting, the Board of Directors of the State League expressed their gratitude for all that she has done for the organization since she accepted the appointment as secretary two years ago.

Who will receive the next scholarship? And how many will there be from Indiana altogether? Will each district send a representative? Will some of

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the local leagues send their women? *The Voter* wants to know; and in order that publicity for the Institute may be complete, and that Indiana may be adequately represented among the seven states of the Fourth Region, the State Headquarters wishes to know as early as possible who is planning to attend the Institute, either at her own expense, or on a scholarship. Photographs of those who are going can be used if they reach us July 14th.

Undoubtedly a large number of Indiana women, and probably also their husbands and families, will take advantage of this opportunity to spend a week of midsummer among the cool Michigan breezes, and, at the same time, attend the Institute of Government and Politics.

Mrs. Wheeler Ashcraft was the hostess for the meeting of the Portland League on June 3. The "Courts and Juries" topic in the Know Your Town series was discussed.

The Tipton League held its last meeting for the year at the library in Tipton June 17; the final lesson in the study course was completed, and a program of work planned for the coming year.

The Cedar Lake League of Women Voters met at the home of Mrs. Roy Montgomery on May 29, to hear a report of the state convention read by their delegate, Mrs. Frederick Kelly.

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WHAT other STATES are DOING

"As a device for interesting both men and women voters in the machinery of government, nothing else we have tried in our five years of work in Leonia ranks with the two mock national conventions recently staged by the Woman's Forum," says Margaret Porch Hamilton, in *The Civic Pilot*, the official organ of the New Jersey League of Women Voters. The Forum is a League activity.

Mrs. John O. Miller, president of the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters debated with Ira Jewell Williams, an attorney of Philadelphia, the advisability of calling a constitutional convention in Pennsylvania. The two statements were published side by side in the June *Bulletin* of the League, and Mrs. Miller may be congratulated on her keen and brilliant reply to a very able argument against the convention.

The California League is taking an active and vital interest in all sorts of local questions, including different types of legislation. A measure to equalize the age of majority, advocated by the League, passed the legislature by a vote of 85 to 13, and was vetoed by the Governor, to the open regret of the League. The League has called a conference of state organizations interested in educational legislation. The *Bulletin* of the League contains arguments for and against an existing budget law, printed as they were given at a citizenship school put on by the League. All this represents the highest type of public service, and effectively answers the question, "Are women voters making good as citizens?"

The Illinois League of Women Voters is keeping tab on the work of local Leagues in getting out the vote; two pages of the June *Bulletin* are filled with reports of about one hundred words each from the various locals as to what measures they took to get out the vote in the primaries. This should be useful as a basis for the summer and autumn efforts.

The Johnson County (Iowa) League has organized a University Junior League of Women Voters, in order to enroll early the college women of the county; it has also arranged a meeting for first voters and candidates at the City Hall, and has perfected a permanent block organization for getting out the vote, in which Republican and Democratic women are co-operating.

The Minnehaha County (South Dakota) League took charge of the anniversary sale of a large department store in Sioux Falls on May 21, appointed a League member to serve in each department, offered refreshments on the balcony, presented, through its department of International Co-operation to Prevent War, a one-act play during the afternoon, and arranged a child welfare talk by a member of the State Board of Health, which attracted crowds of women shoppers.

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NEWS OF THE MONTH

The four vice-presidents of the Indiana League of Women Voters elected at the convention in May have been appointed heads of various departments of the League. Mrs. Walter S. Greenough, first vice-president, will be the chairman of the department of administration; during the Get Out The Vote campaign she will be relieved of the administrative duties, and the heads of the three other departments will function actively with her in the work of Getting Out The Vote.

Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross, of Rensselaer, second vice-president, will be chairman of the department of organization; Mrs. Frederick Lauenstein, of Evansville, third vice-president, will be membership chairman, and Mrs. I. E. May, of Anderson, fourth vice-president, will be chairman of the speakers' bureau.

Mrs. Thomas Henry Mullins, the new treasurer of the State League, has returned to Fort Wayne for residence, and will carry on her work in connection with the new finance plan from her home at 2433 Fairfield Avenue.

Miss Florence Harrison, First Regional Secretary, who visited Indiana with Mrs. Paul Ritterhouse last fall, passed through Indianapolis June 25 on a motor trip to Minnesota, where she will become the executive secretary of the Minnesota League.

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The Delphi League of Women Voters held its last meeting for the year at the home of Mrs. C. W. Kerlin June 3. Miss Blanche Calvert, candidate for recorder, spoke on the duties of the office. Mrs. A. C. Clauser, ninth district chairman, gave a report on the state convention. New officers elected were: Miss Bess Wilson, president, Miss Hilda Bowen, first vice-president, Mrs. Verne Whittlesey, second vice-president, Mrs. Dora Barnard, third vice-president, Miss Anna Trobaugh, fourth vice-president, Mrs. Harry Brewer, secretary, and Miss Nellie Haughey, treasurer.

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Mrs. Frederick Lauenstein, third vice-president of the State League, Mrs. Lula B. Halvorsen, president of the Evansville League, and Mrs. O. R. Webb, secretary of the Evansville League, were guests at the closing luncheon of the Princeton League of Women Voters June 3. They outlined the work of the organization for the coming year, and gave a report of the state convention.

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Members of the South Bend League of Women Voters received guests at the model home arranged as part of the Better Homes exhibit. The League gave a card party at the home of Mrs. Charles Arthur Carlisle late in May, to obtain funds for infant welfare work.

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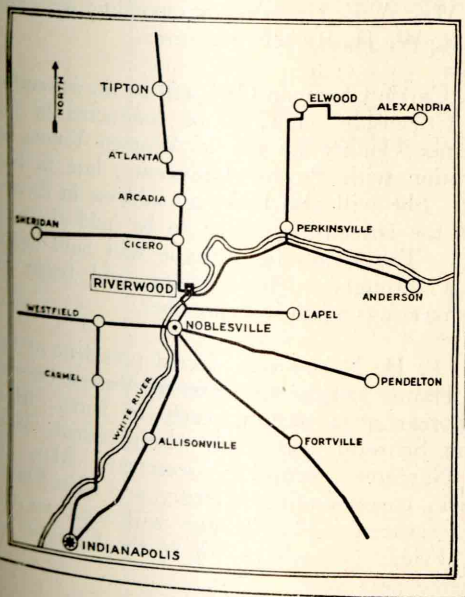

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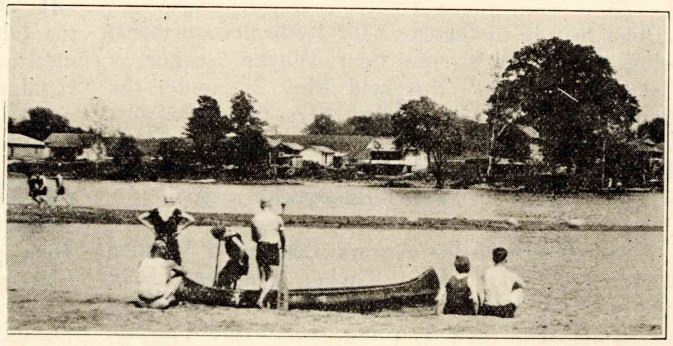

NEWS OF THE BRANCH LEAGUES

Mrs. Thomas Threlkeld was the hostess for a luncheon at Bicknell June 10, when women from Vincennes, Bruceville and Bicknell united in an informal picnic luncheon. Officers elected during the afternoon were: Mrs. William Allen Cullop, of Vincennes, president, Mrs. Charles Phillippe, of Bicknell, first vice-president, Mrs. C. B. O'Donnell, of Vincennes, second vice-president, Mrs. Lawrence Ebner, third vice-president, Miss Anna C. O'Flynn, chaplain, Mrs. Henry E. Planke, of Vincennes, secretary, and Mrs. Arthur A. Clark, Vincennes, treasurer.

A joint luncheon meeting of the League of Women Voters and the local Rotary Club was held at the Hotel Lembke in Valparaiso June 9. Mr. M. V. O'Shea, professor of education in the University of Wisconsin, gave an excellent address on "The Child as the Heir of the Past," and told of the work of the Children's Foundation. The Valparaiso League is impartial politically in choosing its officers, since the president, Mrs. Raymond Sherburne is chairman of the Democratic women's county organization, and Mrs. Chauncey W. Boucher, first vice-president, is chairman of the Republican women's organization. Mrs. Evelyn Leeds Cole of Baltimore, song writer, sang some of her own compositions. Mrs. Cole was formerly a resident of Michigan City.

Oscar Theobald, Junior, a freshman in the senior high school at Peru, and Miss Mary Brant, a student in the junior high school were the winners of the two first prizes offered by the Peru League of Women Voters for essays in the Better Homes contest being conducted by the League.

The New Albany League of Women Voters elected the following officers at a meeting early in June: Mrs. T. W. Oglesby, president, Miss Etelka Rockenbach, first vice-president, Mrs. James Kintner, second vice-president, Mrs. Lee Newhouse, recording secretary, Mrs. George Hall, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. William Coolman, treasurer.

As a feature of the drive for 1,000 new members being conducted by the Fort Wayne League, a "festival of games" was held May 27, under the direction of Miss Cecil Foley, Mrs. Clara Parrott, Miss Bertha Medsker, and Miss Agatha Diek. Tables were provided for 600 women, and a variety of games from euchre to bridge were offered.

New officers of the Aurora League of Women Voters are: Mrs. T. J. Ewing, president, Mrs. Henry Funke, vice-president, Mrs. Ida Peters, treasurer, Mrs. Mae Whiting, secretary. The last meeting of the year was held late in May, at the home of Mrs. Charles Olcott. The League is studying the "Know Your Own County" topics.

The Jasper County League held its large annual meeting on Friday, June 6. Mrs. W. H. Parkinson of Lafayette, new tenth district chairman gave an explanation of the new finance plan to be used throughout the state during the coming year. Miss Blanche Merry, state school attendance officer, and a member of the Jasper County League, made an address on her work, and Dr. Ada Schweitzer, state health officer, who had arranged a series of lectures in eleven towns of the county on the care of mothers and children, spoke of her work, and thanked the League for its sponsorship of the lecture series. New officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross, of Rensselaer, president, Mrs. John Culp, first vice-president, Mrs. Everett Graham, second vice-president, Mrs. J. W. Horton, secretary, and Mrs. J. F. Hardman, treasurer.

Mayor H. M. Devoss of Decatur, in a statement published by the Decatur *Democrat,* endorses the Child Health Conferences sponsored by the Decatur League of Women Voters, and scheduled at points throughout Adams county. Under the direction of the League, the grade school girls of the city held an election and chose a girl mayor to reign over Decatur for one hour May 22.

Reports by officers, committee chairmen, and delegates to the state and national conventions, and an election of officers made up the program at the closing meeting of the Elkhart League of Women Voters, in their club house. Officers for the past year were re-elected as follows: Mrs. A. H. Beardsley, president, Miss Helen K. Boss, recording secretary, Mrs. A. E. Hansen, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. W. H. Russell, treasurer.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt will be the instructor at the citizenship school to be conducted by the Tippecanoe County League of Women Voters, in co-operation with Purdue University, late in November. She will also make an address in Evansville at the citizenship school to be held there in the fall. The Evansville League will hold board meetings throughout the summer, and begin its regular meetings again in September.

Mrs. F. H. Nosler was elected president of the Terre Haute League of Women Voters for the coming year at a meeting early in June. Mrs. William Schreyer was made vice-president, Mrs. John Garrigus recording secretary, Mrs. J. Chranicki, corresponding secretary, and Miss Emma May, treasurer. The League will meet on the second Friday of each month at the Chamber of Commerce next year.

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Chairman of The Get-Out-The-Vote Campaign

Our Business In Indiana

"You'd better pick your party and you'd better pick your man,
Or you'll have to seek seclusion and hide the best you can.
Get your mind made up for voting in the next November bout,
For the Voter's League'll get you if you don't watch out."

PAULINE HOLMES, The Indianapolis Times.

The object of the campaign of the National League of Women Voters is to secure for the 1924 Presidential Election the casting of at least 75% of the possible number of votes.

The object of the campaign of the State League is to make the percentage of votes cast in Indiana the highest in the country. The state has an unusual opportunity to accomplish this, since 74% of the voters went to the polls in 1920. Every local League will receive a statement of the number of registered voters in the county for 1920, and the number of votes cast in the 1920 Presidential Election.

Necessarily the first step in any campaign is planning and building up an organization to formulate, supervise, and carry out the work, both general and detailed, of the campaign.

Our president has very wisely chosen Mrs. Walter S. Greenough, of Indianapolis, first vice-president of the State League, to act as state chairman of the Get-Out-The-Vote campaign. Mrs. Greenough's wide acquaintance with League members, intimate knowledge of similar past campaigns, her breadth of vision, unfailing tact, and resourceful competence insure success to the work.

An executive committee will have entire supervision of the campaign, planning and outlining the work of the subcommittees, selecting the chairmen and organizing the state work. Members of this committee are: Mrs. Walter S. Greenough, Mrs. William T. Barnes, Mrs. Richard E. Edwards, Mrs. Alice Foster Mullins, Miss Adah Bush, Miss

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VOTE AS YOU PLEASE, BUT VOTE!

"Bad men are elected to office by good women (and good men) who do not vote."

Every man who runs for office carefully builds up an organization whose sole business it is to get people to the polls who will vote for him, and to suggest to others, who are going to the polls, that they also shall vote for him.

If he is a professional politician, he is in touch with the bosses, good and bad, throughout the community; the precinct committeemen are working for him, and are lining up for him all the men who have ever had to go to the party organization for favors or concessions. Every man who owes his job to the power of the precinct committeeman, or any of the other cogs in the party machine, feels a sort of obligation to vote as these men tell him to vote; and he also feels that it might be dangerous to do otherwise; the men who are telling him how to vote will see that his family, also, comes to the polls and "lines up on the right side."

This candidate may be just the man for the place; but, on the other hand, he may be just the man you and your neighbors have been combating for inefficiency or corruption. In that case, his opponent needs your vote, and the votes of other conscientious citizens that you can influence.

If you believe that all the men on all the tickets, national, state and local, are good men, and equally well qualified for office, perhaps you are justified in failing to vote. But such a situation has probably not existed since the founding of our Republic.

If you do not vote for the men you know are desirable, you are helping to elect the men you know are undesirable, just as much as if you had voted for them. Your vote, and the votes you influence, are needed for good government. They are the most effective weapons you have to combat the evils of bad government.

SERVICE STATION NOTES

This month's *Voter*, as you have probably noticed is larger than usual; the October *Voter* will also contain an extra number of pages; for both numbers are doing their bit in the Get-Out-The-Vote campaign by supplying information which may be useful to League members and workers, and to others interested in the coming elections. For your convenience a table of contents for this number follows:

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JOINT STATEMENT OF CO-OPERATION

To show that the leading political parties endorse the League's Get-Out-the-Vote Campaign, and pledge their aid in its support, the Vice-Chairmen of the State Committees of the Republican and Democratic parties have joined with the League of Women Voters to give their best efforts to bring all qualified voters to the polls November 4, 1924.

America as a nation once more faces the supreme test of a national election. The rock upon which this nation was founded is the principle of self-government. Because this is true, loyal citizens, whatever their faith may be, should join in the effort to get out the vote at every election, in order that decisions which concern the welfare of the people shall be made, not by a minority of the citizens, but by a majority.

The record of Indiana is a splendid record in this respect. In 1920, almost seventy-five per cent of the qualified voters of Indiana went to the polls. Because this is true, Indiana has the unique opportunity of becoming the first state in the union in the number of votes cast in the coming election. if every loyal citizen will co-operate in a concerted effort to get out the vote. This is patriotism in its most practical and useful form and as such should carry a universal appeal.

With this purpose in mind, we recommend that Indiana women lead in a policy of initiating joint action to secure the record vote in Indiana in the coming election. And to establish a clear understanding regarding the relation of the party groups of women and the League of Women Voters, the League reaffirms its cordial relation to political parties, in urging its members to enroll in them and to use their best intelligence to make the party of their choice a more efficient factor for improving government.

The party groups recognize in the League of Women Voters a citizen agency that is seeking and disseminating authentic information on the basic facts of government and that is developing informed and intelligent voters.

Therefore we urgently recommend that the women of Indiana unite in a concerted effort to bring every qualified voter to the polls November 4, to the end that our government may continue to be a government by the people.

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THE FUNCTION OF THE INDEPENDENT VOTER

By *Frederic H. Guild.*

Forty years ago "party regularity" was considered a virtue, the insurrection of the Mugwumps in 1884 was party treason, and the independent voter was despised by all good party men, Republican and Democratic alike.

In 1920, in the face of the largest landslide in the history of American politics, it became apparent that independency had increased to enormous proportions, one authority estimating that 6,000,000 voters in 1920 should be considered independents. The advent of the direct primary and of "voting for the man" has helped to stress independency and to minimize the importance of party organization.

In the midst of this movement it is rather necessary that the ordinary, garden variety of good citizen, perplexed as to the value and virtue of parties, should have a guide as to his personal relationship to parties and elections. This is particularly the case with the women voters, many of whom are inclined to hold aloof from parties and to consider themselves independents.

The independent has been and will continue to be a most important factor in elections. It is for his vote and favor that much of campaign energy is expended. Do the Democrats cover the state with speakers and campaign literature in order to persuade good, regular Democrats to vote the Democratic ticket? Or do the Republicans hope to convince these good Democrats that they should turn Republicans? The first is unnecessary; the second, useless.

Campaigns are waged for votes, which must come from three sources:—the "regulars," the apathetic partisans, and the independents of all degrees. The first may be counted upon to vote. The second must be aroused to action by the dramatic appeals of the campaign, but when aroused they will vote for their party. It is the third group, today, whose vote spells success or defeat for one party or the other. By deliberately refraining from commitment to party until the issues are drawn and the candidates are known and discussed, these independents put each party in the position of bidding for the independent vote. And a sufficiently large and intelligent group of independents may force clearer issues and better candidates from the parties. This is, after all, the position of power in so far as any one election is concerned.

There are, however, two distinct kinds of independents. Both refuse to commit themselves five months in advance of the election. But the first group does so because its members have done very little thinking on the matter, have no definite opinions, and are rather indifferent concerning it all. These are the ones who frequently forget to vote on election day. And to the practical politician all independents are of this sort.

The members of the second group, however, have definite opinions. They are usually well-read and well informed. They understand that there is, after all, little difference at times between the parties, and that the government of the country will continue without disaster about as well under one as the other. But they are interested in the vital problems of the day and in the men who are to handle them. By and large many of them may well represent our best type of citizen.

But even this group consists of two types of independents. There are those who continue to believe in party organization, who expect normally to affiliate with the same party at each election, but who refuse to follow the dictates of the machine leaders or to vote for a man merely because he happens to have received the party stamp and have a place on the party ballot. If undesirable elements have seized control of their party they do not hesitate to vote against it at elections as a rebuke to their leaders. But they are regularly committed to party when in doubt.

The others are independents in a strict sense. An election to them is merely a choice between the two major parties. In the campaign they stand aloof, take little part on either side until the issues are cleared, and render a verdict at the election as though they were judge and jury. Their intention is to see to it that the party which proposes the best solution for present problems and which puts forward the best man shall be placed in power.

Many persons today are not distinguishing between these two kinds of independency. There will always be an important post for the second kind of independent. We need him in every campaign, and an active independent group is one of our strongest hopes for better candidates and better party government.

But this kind of independency fails completely to solve the problem of party government. The real independent, abstaining from party activity except in casting his vote, loses the opportunity to place his strength where it will do the most good. And the real independent has no business in the party primary or party organization. His presence there leads to irresponsible government. A Democrat in one primary, a Republican in the next, and he has broken down party morale and made responsible leadership of parties impossible.

Too much independency should lead to one of two things: the formation of a third party and the attempt to wrest control from the regular parties; or party re-alignment, with consequent subsidence of independency. Continued excessive independency is a bad thing for government. Carried to its logical conclusion, it would mean that we

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If business or some other unavoidable cause will prevent you from being in your *county* on election day, you can vote by using the Absent Voter's Law.

To do this you must apply in person or by mail to the clerk of the circuit court of your county, or the clerk of the city or town in which you live, for an absent voter's ballot. This must be done not more than thirty nor less than two days before election. When you receive the ballot you must fill it out and return it to the clerk in time for him to deliver it to the election board before the polls close on election day.

If you know that illness or some other cause will make it necessary for you to do this, it is well to make your application as early as possible, because the application blank must reach the clerk before he sends you the ballot, and then the ballot must get back to him in plenty of time to be recorded on election day.

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CAMPAIGN AIDS

State headquarters have on hand a quantity of printed material which will be very helpful to workers in the Get-Out-The-Vote campaign; this will be furnished to the local Leagues and individuals at cost.

The National League's pamphlet telling Why, When and How to Get Out The Vote, contains brief, snappy information, accurate statistics, suggestions from various states as to methods successfully used by them, sample posters, clever articles, editorials, or speeches, and many other helpful, stimulating suggestions. It sells for $.15.

Platforms of the four national political parties, and planks presented by the League of Women Voters to the platform committees of each party, are printed together in a pamphlet prepared by the National League. It sells for $.05.

We still have on hand a few copies of *The Great Game of Politics,* by Frank R. Kent; if you order promptly you can get the book for $.75.

The rainbow fliers, two sets, in four colors, for distribution at county fairs, chautauquas, etc., are available at $.20 a hundred.

A new four-page folder on the program and achievements of the State League—and by the way, this contains splendid answers to the question, "Why have a League since suffrage is secured?"—may be had for $.75 a hundred.

A limited number of tri-colored stickers to paste on envelops, carrying the caption, "Vote as you please, but Vote," and a limited number of folders containing statistics as to the percentage of qualified voters who voted at the last election, and brief stimulating reasons for voting and getting out the vote, may be had without cost.

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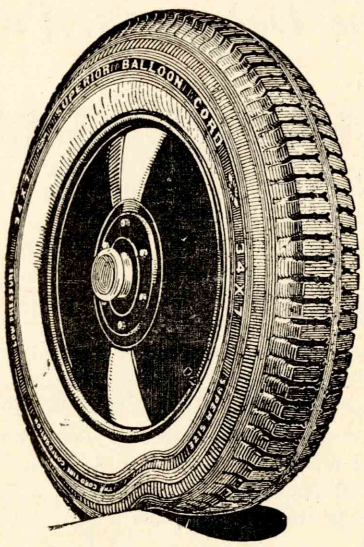

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In urging the citizens of Indiana to inform themselves about public questions, party policies and principles, and the aims and qualifications of candidates, and then to exercise their best judgment in voting according to the conclusions they have reached, the League is performing a patriotic service of the highest type.

Tolerance toward the sincere convictions of others is the keynote of a campaign which has adopted for its slogan:

"VOTE AS YOU PLEASE, BUT VOTE!"

ORA J. DAVIES

High Lights of Th

The Democratic Party

Plans to:

"Repeal the Goodrich tax law and take the power to fix taxes from the state tax board, restoring it to the local committees; also, to re-enact Democratic tax law of 1891, together with such amendments, if any, as time and practical experience may have proved just and equitable."

Restore Public Service Commission "to its original purpose and standing," or failing this, abolish it.

Pledges party to "return to the people the rights and privileges of local self-government to which they are justly entitled. To this end we declare that all unnecessary commissions and boards must be abolished and when not possible to do so such necessary boards and commissions should be combined under fewer heads and their authority and spending power curtailed."

"The absent voters law should be amended to prevent abuses."

Pledges party "to see that every dollar of every department including the state board of agriculture, be handled by the state auditor and treasurer and that the depository law is strictly observed."

Condemns"flagrant and gross mismanagement" as shown in increased taxes, and "the shameful extravagances and waste of money at the Pendleton Reformatory."

Favors "such legislation as will limit the power of the state board of health in its arbitrary condemnation of schoolhouses and other public buildings, as well as its arbitrary acts generally."

Pledges party to "the enactment of a standard cooperative marketing law which recognizes the fundamental economic relationship of individual production and group selling, that will give to Indiana farmers the same rights, advantages and opportunities as are now enjoyed by their competitors in adjacent states."

Demands "that the workmen's compensation act, enacted by a Democratic legislature, be revised as time and practical experience has proven to be just and equitable in the following particulars:

"1: That each injured employee shall be given the right to choose his own surgeon and that medical and surgical attention be provided him during the life of the injury.

"2. That the rates of compensation now payable shall be revised upward so as to keep pace with those of our sister states and the cost of living.

"3. That the injured employee shall be paid for any permanent impairment in addition to his

The Republican Party

Favors:

"The largest measure of international co-operation consistent with American ideals, rights, and just interests. We indorse any practicable plan for preserving world peace by the judicial determination of international disputes.

"Restriction of immigration to protect our national ideals and standards of living.

"The protection of child life from sacrifice through inappropriate employment.

"Strict enforcement and observance of all laws, without prejudice of race, creed or color.

"Policies which will give the farmer his share of national prosperity.

"An adequate army and navy and the fostering of a cross-ocean merchant marine as necessary means of protecting the nation in war and peace.

"National care for every disabled and indigent veteran, and the largest national contribution to the welfare of every soldier consistent with the demands of public economy.

"Constructive regulation of business to prevent abuses; but oppose undue burdens and exactions destructive of legitimate enterprises and employment.

"Representative Republican government and the strict confinement of each branch of government to its constitutional functions."

Unreservedly indorses President Coolidge for renomination and reelection.

Commends the work of the Indiana highway commission and of the conservation department.

Favors "non-partisan control and administration" in the conduct of penal and benevolent institutions.

With regard to public service commissions advocates "Such modifications of present administrative rules and practices as will make certain a satisfactory functioning of this department."

VOTE AS YOU PLE

The State Platforms

The Democratic Party

total disability period, and that he shall be paid for his total disability as long as he is so disabled as a result of his injury.

4. Pledges next legislature, if Democratic, to investigate rates and premiums charged employers by private insurance carriers, compare with those of other states for payment of workers compensation, and "enact such legislation as will best protect the employer, the employee and the public."

Recommends that "in all matters of government in which labor may be affected or interested, labor should be consulted, and . . . bona fide representatives of labor be appointed on all boards and commissions handling labor problems."

Pledges party to the conservation of natural resources, creation of state parks, reforestation of denuded waste lands, preservation of mineral resources, aid for agriculture and horticulture, prevention of stream pollution, and saving of wild life, through department of conservation.

Recommends that 1925 legislature "make a thorough investigation of present textbook law and enact such amendatory legislation as will prevent the frequent changes in the textbooks used in the public schools of the state."

"Opposed to the county unit system of government of our public schools. Favors the repeal of the teachers' license law adopted by last legislature."

Pledges support to "the articles of the federal constitution which provide:

"But no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States' and also,

"'The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.' And also the bill of rights in the state constitution which guarantees religious liberty and says;

"No preference shall be given by any law to any creed, religious society, or mode of worship, and no man shall be compelled to attend, erect or support any place of worship or to maintain any ministry, against his consent."

The Republican Party

Pledges the party to:

"The most vigorous economy in all departments consistent with the public welfare."

"Keep labor free against any incroachments upon its lawful activities. * * * We believe that labor should have the right to organize for the betterment of its working conditions and that both labor and capital should be permitted to bargain collectively."

Favors "equal opportunity for work as between men and women, with such safeguards as will best conserve their health and make possible the fullest expression of their abilities. We approve such social advancements as the workman's compensation laws and feel that the next general assembly should make a thorough inquiry of the same."

Advocates "consulting in all matters of government in which labor may be affected, the representatives of bona fide labor."

Recognizes "the need of immediate and effective legislation to relieve agriculture, both state and national, from the depressed condition in which it finds itself."

Favors "such legislation as will strengthen our present tax law, to the end that every class of property be made to bear its just portion of the burdens of taxation; less liberality in excepting by law certain classes of property from taxation, and with reasonable limitation upon the ability of taxing units to indebtedness."

Opposes: "increasing the number of taxing districts covering the same territory by which the constitutional debt limit is in effect avoided."

Also "the creation of additional boards and commissions. We favor the abolishment of every unnecessary board or commission already created."

Pledges itself "to the strengthening of the present securities law, and the enactment of such amendments as may be deemed necessary for the further protection of the public."

Advocates the present budget system.

Favors the placing of all funds received by boards or departments of the state government in the state treasury.

Promises that no reactionary step will be taken in the field of education.

Endorses St. Lawrence River project.

EASE, BUT VOTE!!

The Institute of Government and Politics

By Mrs. A. C. Clauser

Delegate from the ninth and tenth districts

The Fourth Region of the National League of Women Voters, comprising Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia, held its Institute of Government and Politics at Ann Arbor, in co-operation with the University of Michigan, July 21st to 26th.

The course consisted of five or six full hour lectures each day, on subjects dealing with every phase of government from local affairs to international relations. Most of the lecturers were from the History Department of the University of Michigan, some were from the Detroit Bureau of Government Research, and one, Dean Kalaw, was from the University of the Philippines and he himself a Philippino. His subject was "Far Eastern Relations," discussed frankly from the Philippine viewpoint so different from ours.

Still another speaker was James T. Shotwell of Columbia and a member of the American Delegation to the Paris Peace Conference. His subject was "The Proposed World Treaty on Disarmament and Security." He along with General Bliss and some other Americans, wrote this document, and last March, when it was completed sent it to the officials of the League of Nations, as possibly containing suggestions that might be of use to them. Imagine their surprise, when they learned that their manuscript had been at once accepted and made an official document of the League without change or alteration. As such it is now being submitted to the various nations as a practical plan for the establishment of peace on a permanent basis.

The underlying thought of the entire institute was, very briefly, fewer officials with a stronger, more centralized and therefore more responsible government, for city, county, state and nation.

Some of the social features of the institute that the delegate from the 9th and 10th districts, of Indiana, Mrs. A. C. Clauser, enjoyed were a dinner at the handsome Michigan Union, given by Mrs. Craig Miller, president of the Michigan League of Women Voters, another dinner, at the Country Club given by Mrs. George Patterson, president of the Ann Arbor League, in honor of Mr. Shotwell of Columbia, a third dinner at the Michigan Union for local League presidents, also tea at the Betsy Barbour and Newberry halls.

The personally conducted tour of the Clements Library, bearing the name of the donor, and one of only four such institutions in the whole United States, was perhaps the most delightful and unique feature of the institute. This library is not open to the public; entrance can only be obtained by card or special arrangement. It contains the original documents, manuscripts, etchings and the like, from which American History, both North and South, have been written. Only graduate students and historical writers use it.

The contents are so rare and valuable that they cannot be insured. No amount of money could restore them, for many are not only original copies but the only ones in existence. They are kept in glass cases, under lock and key, in what is to all appearance a luxuriant octagonal room, but which in reality, is an immense safety deposit vault, whose iron doors and windows are closed at night making it fire and burglar proof.

The invitation to preside at the institute on Thursday to represent Indiana, came as a most surprising and unexpected honor to the delegate from the 9th and 10th districts of Indiana, although it was for her a week crowded with exceptional educational opportunities and unusual social pleasures, for all of which she is indebted to the ninth and tenth districts of the Indiana League of Women Voters.

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OUR BUSINESS IN INDIANA

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A general committee composed of the members of the executive committee and representatives from all other city and county organizations will help to co-ordinate the work of all co-operating groups, and to keep them informed about the progress of the work.

Subcommittees are being formed as follows; Information and Statistics, Special Features, Co-operation with Schools and Colleges, Co-operation with the Clergy, Publicity Advisory Committee, Speakers' Bureau, and Publications.

Local presidents are appointing Get-Out-The-Vote chairmen for their Leagues, and organization is going rapidly forward in all parts of Indiana, paralleling the general lines of the state organization, and adding such special features as are desirable under local conditions. Many new and clever devices are being used by county and city Leagues to further the work of the various departments of the campaign.

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HAVE YOU READ 'EM?

Our party system is out of date, concludes Glenn Frank in the September *Century*. His article, "The Decadence of American Politics," begins with observations on the chaotic, vulgar and senseless features of the recent political conventions, and goes on to state that the convention has inherited all of its sins from the political party system, which needs diagnosis and treatment.

"It is not the political manners of the party conventions, but the political morals of the party system that cry aloud for regeneration," says Mr. Frank. He believes that in this era of rapid changes, a permanent party is no longer possible, and concludes that "The major task of the new politics is, as I see it, to make it possible to group men in terms of issues instead of determining issues in terms of permanent groups of men."

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There is, in the same magazine, an article on "Muscle Shoals, What It Is, Who Wants It, and What It Means to the Taxpayers," by Charles Merz.

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Anna Steese Richardson, in the Good Citizenship Department of the September *Woman's Home Companion* hails with delight the movement prevalent all over the country to find out the cause of juvenile delinquency, and by investigating local conditions work out methods of reducing it. Her article, "Your Town and Its Children," tells what is being done and how the women of the different communities are initiating or aiding the work.

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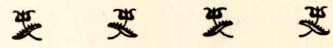
The $1,000 prize for rendering the highest public service to its community was awarded the Woman's Club of Rock Island, Illinois, by the *Pictorial Review*. The story of this club's achievement in freeing the city of Rock Island from the clutches of a vice ring which had controlled affairs for more than ten years is told in an article by Ida Clyde Clarke in the *Pictorial Review* for September. League members will be interested to learn, that getting out an enlightened vote was one of the most effective features of the Club's work.

Miss Clarke's editorial asks the question, "Has Woman the Inferiority Complex?"

WHAT other STATES are DOING TO GET OUT THE VOTE

The Minnesota League has worked out a splendid program of radio talks by leading League women; subjects include information on the qualifications of candidates, and the powers and duties of the various public officers to be elected November 4. League women have been conducting registration booths in department stores, establishing information booths for voters in connection with the primary election, and distributing, to local grocers to be wrapped in all packages sent out before election, printed slips urging citizens to vote.

Mrs. Mildred Thanhouser of Milwaukee has offered a silver loving cup to the League in Wisconsin which will show the greatest increase in the vote in the coming election. Wisconsin women are raising a special campaign fund to facilitate the work of getting out the vote.

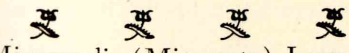


Ohio has thirty-seven women running for the legislature, and three for Congress.

One of the local Leagues in Ohio established two large thermometers in a prominent store window down town on August 12 (primary day); one recorded the men's vote, and one the women's vote, hour by hour. A bugler sounding the reveille made the round of the principal streets during the morning in a truck which displayed on large banners the caption "Awake and Vote."

The New Jersey League is making very systematic preparations for the campaign in that state. A program beginning with statistical research work and ending with detailed plans for bringing voters to the polls has been sent to all local leagues.

West Virginia reports an increase in the primary vote cast this year of 64.6 per cent over that of 1920. Mrs. Morris Jacobs, of Wheeling, director of the Get-Out-The-Vote campaign, deserves a loving cup all to herself.



The Minneapolis (Minnesota) League won first prize, the West Hartford (Connecticut) League won second prize and the Melrose (Massachusetts) League, third prize, in the *Woman's Home Companion's* competition on "How We Got Out the Vote."

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THE BY-ROTERS

Mrs. James I. Cheesman, President United League of Women Voters of Rhode Island.

Understand how boss rule is achieved and maintained. In *The Great Game of Politics*, by Frank R. Kent, it is shown that in an average precinct the boss has to be certain of only sixty-five votes. How he manages to be certain is clearly explained, and it is chiefly because of the stay-at-home vote.

Sixty-five, sixty-five,
Sixty-five voters,
Up to the ballot box
Come the "By-Roters!"
Forward the precinct van,
On variation put the ban,
There at the ballot box—
Automat voters.

Forward the precinct roll!
Is there a missing soul?
Not if the boss is there
Keenly to mark the poll!
Their's not to make reply,
Their's not to reason why,
Just so there's no one shy
There at the ballot box,
Sixty-five voters.

Fathers to right of them,
Mothers to left of them,
Sisters behind them,
All voting soundly.
Let uniformity be strength,
Each family vote its length,
There at the ballot box—
Safely and soundly.

When shall their glory fade,
Strong-fashioned, machine-made?
Perhaps one may wonder!
If "Sixty-fives" yield their place,
While hundreds show their face,
Old rules may pause apace,
Broken asunder!

HELPFUL HINTS FOR VOTERS

(Continued from page 6)

All counties elect candidates to some of the following offices; find out which of these offces are to be filled in your county in November, and inform yourselves on the qualifications of the candidates and the duties of the offices for which they are running:

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THE FUNCTION OF THE INDEPENDENT VOTER

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would leave the control of parties in the hands of less than one-fourth of the people. To be sure, the other three-fourths would dominate on election day, but after the choice between parties had then been made, the actual control of the government through the successful party would lie in the hands of about one-eighth of the people. Having controlled the election, the independents would yet fail completely to control the government,—a phenomenon which most of the independents do not seem to comprehend.

The position of power lies within the party and not solely at the ballot box, much as we have deluded ourselves to the contrary. Were the two major parties to be controlled internally by an active, alert majority of the best members of the party, we would be assured of relatively good government, whichever party won the election, and we would hear less of such things as Tea Pot Dome and Tammany Hall.

Most voters are not as independent as they profess to be. If they would check back over past elections, many would discover that when in doubt they had voted with some consistency for the same party. And it is the independent within the party who holds or should hold the position of power. Party loyalty, party allegiance, and party responsibility are desirable attributes of our political system, not lightly to be cast aside. The Independent Democrat and Independent Republican, working within the party not for a single election, but for a continuous struggle to improve his own party from within,—not to destroy it,—should become, in time, the dominant influence in each party, and through the party, in the government itself. In such a movement he will be aided materially by the equally consistent efforts of the relatively small number of completely independent voters, standing as judge between the parties at election time.

The voter must choose his stand, and must cease to confuse the two types of service an independent may render. The independent within the party will tend, in time, to become the party regular, once he has secured control of the party machinery, and new independents will spring up. But both will be seeking party loyalty and party responsibility, if they understand the nature of their problem, and will not be undermining it. They may "scratch" the poorer candidates, or machine candidates of their own party, and even abandon it on occasion, as a rebuke to machine control, but their motive will always be a stronger and better party. Therein lies the position of power for the future.

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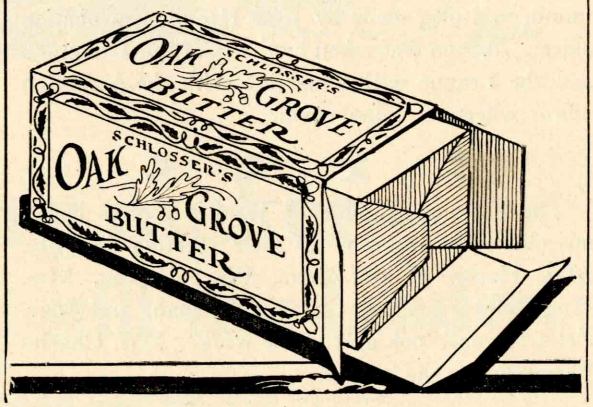

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NEWS OF THE BRANCH LEAGUES

New officers elected at a meeting of the Michigan City League of Women Voters were: Mrs. Zeola Misener, president; Mrs. William Haviland, first vice-president, Miss Cora Nafe, second vice-president, Mrs. William Ohmin, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Andrew Gill, recording secretary, Mrs. Albert Krueger, treasurer.

The Frankfort League of Women Voters has decided to help in the local probation work, in response to a plea made by Jesse Heavilon, probation officer. Action was taken by the Board of Directors, and the League will co-operate with the probation officer whenever called upon.

The Fairview League of Women Voters had a miscellaneous program at their meeting in July. Mrs. Harley Wikoff, Mrs. W. S. Saxon, Mrs. Hugh Beaver, Mrs. Charles Freeman, and Mrs. Zella Kendall took part in the work. Mrs. Charles Freeman was the hostess.

Mrs. H. H. Ross was the hostess for the Brookville League at one July meeting, and Mrs. Woodmansee entertained at the next July meeting. The League discussed the Child Labor amendment.

The Elkhart League held "a health circus and good food doll exhibit" at some of the local school houses. The child welfare department of the League used the exhibit to impress children with fundamental rules of health, and also to interest and instruct their parents.

The Indianapolis League will carry on an active Get-Out-The-Vote campaign under the direction of Mrs. Samuel Elliott Perkins, the new president, and a committee consisting of Mrs. J. F. Barnhill, Mrs. W. C. DeMiller, Mrs. George A. Werbem, Mrs. Edward Ferger, Mrs. Ira M. Holmes, Mrs. Richmond M. Coleman and Mrs. Wolf Sussman. The League will ask the county chairmen of both political parties to use schoolhouses as voting places, since these are public property and their use will do away with the extra expense of renting polling places. A registration booth was maintained by The Indianapolis League at a downtown department store all day Friday, September 5, giving employees and shopper's a convenient place to register.

Mrs. Edward Franklin White, of Indianapolis, was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the Kokomo League of Women Voters August 23.

Mrs. Jesse Ghaunt was the hostess for the July meeting of the Hagerstown League.

The Newburg League has been studying a number of the terms used in modern political discussions. The June meeting discussed what women should know about national political conventions.

The Vincennes League of Women Voters met with Mrs. William Allen Cullop on July 22, closing the summer's work. No further meeting will be held before October.

The Portland League had a picnic supper in August.

The Tipton League held its last meeting of the summer in June. It will resume meetings this fall. The League has been growing steadily during its brief year of existence.

The Terre Haute League will give a progressive bridge party in September.

Mrs. H. F. Nosler was elected fifth district chairman for the coming year.

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WHO GRANTED HER THE VOTE?

The first man to arrange a Congressional committee hearing in the interest of suffrage for women was Senator James Harlan of Iowa, a member of the Whig party which later became the Republican party.

The first man to introduce a woman's suffrage measure in the Congress was Senator Aaron A. Sargent of California, a Republican.

In 1916 when Mr. Wilson opposed Federal action in behalf of suffrage, such action was favored by his opposing candidate, Charles Evans Hughes, Republican.

In 1919, within a fortnight after the Republicans returned to Congressional control, the federal amendment was enacted by a Republican Congress.

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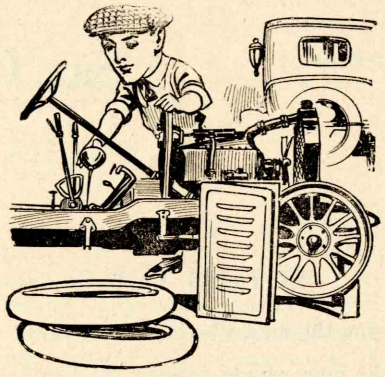

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The Democratic Party believes that a political party is no stronger than the men who represent it. We urge the women voters to make careful investigation of the character and ability of every candidate on our ticket. (Refer to Sept. Woman Voter for their names and addresses.)

The Democratic party is proud of its record. The Marshall and Ralston administrations put the State of Indiana out of debt, maintained a low rate of taxation and a high standard of official service. During the Ralston administration the state Penal Farm was built at a total cost of $100,000 as against $3,100,000 for the unfinished Pendleton Reformatory.

Under the leadership of Woodrow Wilson more progressive legislation was put upon the statute books than had been enacted in a generation. During this era of progress, Woman Suffrage became a National Issue. Introduced into Congress in December 1868, by George W. Julian of Indiana, a Democrat, the question was never permitted to get out of committee on to the floor of Congress until the Democrats were in power. October 4, 1918, President Wilson appeared before the United States Senate and pleaded for the passage of the Federal Amendment. In 1920, when the amendment lacked one state ratification, three eastern states refused to ratify. The Democratic State of Tennessee ratified August 5th, so that women were permitted to vote in 1920. The Democratic party immediately took women into the party councils on a full 50-50 basis.

The Democratic party solicits your vote and help this year. It pledges itself to honest, efficient, progressive administration of Government.

We need a change. Vote the straight Democratic Ticket.

INDIANA DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE

Say It With Rhymes

IS THIS YOU?

Are you the man who is rowing ahead
Or the man who is rocking the boat?
Don't tell the world Democracy's dead—
Get out your ballot and vote!

(A Connecticut Poster)

MOTHER GOOSE

Sing a Song of Politics
A pocket full of rye,
Four and twenty candidates
Baked in a pie,
When the pie is opened
And those birds begin to sing,
Then you and I who made that pie
Will have to eat the thing.

T. V. B. (Minnesota)

THE VOTER'S NIGHTMARE

You'd better pick your party and you'd better pick your man,
Or you'll have to seek seclusion and hide the best you can.
Get your mind made up for voting in the next November bout,
For the Voter's League will get you if you don't watch out.

Pauline Holmes, Indianapolis Times.

VOTES

There are votes that make us happy,
There are votes that make us glad,
There are votes that give an easy conscience,
There are votes that make us very sad;
There are votes that have a deeper meaning,
Whose effect for many years will last,
But the vote that causes greatest sadness
Is the vote that you failed to cast.

—Mrs. W. J. McCalla, President East Toledo (Ohio) League.

(Parody written to tune of "Smiles")

THE SONG OF THE VOTE

Hippity Hop, don't ask me to stop,
I'm on my way, I cannot stay—
November Fourth is Election Day.

Careful Cal and Honest John
And Fighting Bob
Are egging me on.

Hippety Hop, I cannot stop,
I'm on my way
To Election Day.

—Elizabeth J. Hauser.

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Our Business in Indiana

(Continued from September *Voter*)

Only a few weeks remain to us for getting out a record vote in Indiana, but they are vital weeks, in which we must use every minute and every hour to the utmost, both in planning and in working. Because our state stood so near the head of the list in 1920, because we cast practically a three-fourths vote at that time, we are in danger of taking it for granted that no special effort will be needed to equal that record.

But we must remember that 1920 was the year when we obtained suffrage; that in spite of a struggle women were barred from the primaries in Indiana that year, and that our first opportunity to vote therefore came in the 1920 election. Because of these things, the League carried on a vigorous Get-Out-The-Vote campaign, and undoubtedly was responsible in large part for the unusual proportion of the population that voted.

This year conditions are different. Voting is no longer a novelty to women. In spite of the vital issues at stake, there are many citizens of both sexes who, through apathy, or disgust with the political situation, or timidity, or sheer inertia, may not care whether they vote or not. It is our business to wake them up. It is our business to reach out, through churches, schools, newspapers, clubs, organizations, county fairs, public meetings, through the mail, the movies, and the radio, if we can get at these various avenues, and stir the sluggish minds and civic consciousness of these indifferent people to a realization of their duties as a part of a government which is not an absolute monarchy.

As Mrs. Greenough has said, "The whole world in this period of change from the old monarchial forms, is watching the United States to see if each citizen is indeed worthy of being given the privilege of participating actively in his government, or if the citizens must be protected against themselves and their own blunders by autocracies. In this wider application, it is not ourselves alone that suffer from our indifference to our duties, but our influence reaches to the far corners of the earth. We, our form of government, our worthiness of the trust imposed upon us by the framers of the constitution, are on trial before the whole world." Thinking people everywhere are asking, as they have asked often in ages past, "Can the people govern themselves? Do they want to?"

If we are to answer that question with a ringing "Yes!" in Indiana, we must not for a moment relax our efforts to bring to the polls every qualified voter in the state. Remember, and remind your neighbors, that if they are to be absent from the county, or if illness confines them at home, they may avail themselves of the absent voter's law, and not lose their votes.

From the cordial response received from the state heads of civic organizations throughout Indiana, we shall not lack for help in our work, if we ask for that help locally. Every minister in the state will probably of his own volition, but certainly if he is reminded, bring to his congregation the solemn duty imposed by citizenship. Every civic club will join us in securing a perfect registration and vote from its membership, and making each member responsible for her neighbors and friends.

And the schools,—from the cordial attitude of the state board of education it is evident that all we will have to do will be to ask for the help of our local schools in encouraging parents to vote, and inculcating into the children realization of their coming duties as citizens.

The industries are already helping with might and main. The employed and the employers are uniting in this great patriotic movement. The National Manufacturers Association has provided us with quantities of literature and stickers for free distribution, and is planning to use both the radio and the moving picture screen in further broadcasting of the slogan, which we have adopted from their literature, "Vote as you please, but Vote!"

It is most important that local Leagues secure, as we of the state have done, the co-operation and support of the political parties. We want the party leaders to know our attitude toward them—that we urge our members to enroll in the party of their choice, and work in this party to make it a more efficient factor for improving government. And we want their attitude toward us to be one of real understanding of our aims and ideals.

These are suggestions as to the general courses to follow in the campaign. Of course you have received outlines of work which suggest these courses and others, and doubtless your organization is perfected and working smoothly. But each locality has its own problems, and must adapt plans to them as the work progresses. Perhaps you will find helpful suggestions in this month's "News of the Branch Leagues" and "What Other States are Doing" since many Get-Out-The-Vote features are included in these columns.

Working all together, and working hard, we strive toward a goal worthy of the greatest effort of our united minds and hearts—to place Indiana first in patriotic citizenship among all the states of the Union.

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WHY VOTE?

(From the National Manufacturers' Association.)

TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION PEOPLE STAYED AWAY FROM THE POLLS IN 1920.

TWENTY-SIX MILLION PEOPLE—A MINORITY OF ALL THE VOTERS—ELECTED A PRESIDENT IN 1920.

Were you one of the twenty-seven million who failed to perform their full duty as citizens; or one of the twenty-six million who properly fulfilled their obligations?

Whatever the answer, register a promise now that you will go to the polls on Election Day and swell the ranks of the twenty-six million so they will cast a vote truly representative of the will of all the eligible voters of the country.

Vote as your please—but—VOTE!

The Fathers of our Constitution, by Divine inspiration, gave you equality before all men; made you a participating stockholder in the greatest corporation in the world—the United States of America—and gave you the privilege of personal representation in the conduct of its affairs.

More than this: to insure your full patriotic performance in behalf of your fellow-citizen, they placed upon you an obligation to serve, to take an active part in governing this great organization.

That obligation is the obligation to vote.

Within the last decade there has been a retrogression of civic consciousness; a failure on the part of a large number of otherwise good citizens to perform their duty to their country; to fulfill their obligation to vote.

Give serious thought to the following figures:

In 1896, 80 per cent of the eligible voters of the country went to the polls and voted.

In 1900, 73 per cent cast their ballots.

In 1908, 66 per cent.

In 1912, 62 per cent.

In 1920, less than 50 per cent of those eligible to vote, went to the polls!

No more eloquent indictment for civic indiference is needed than these statistics. It is an indictment against all of us, from the lowest to the highest—laborers, skilled workers, executives, employers, professional men and clergy.

The figures clearly demonstrate that the great danger to the Nation is not the attacks of radicals and bolshevists from without, but the dwindling of civic performance within. It is a menace to our institutions and our government.

The situation is one that should arouse every thinking person to the necessity of performing his obligation.

You can help to remedy this situation and it is your duty to do so. Go to the polls yourself, talk to your friends, associates and neighbors and line up a great army of voters on November 4.

VOTE AS YOU PLEASE, BUT VOTE!

SERVICE STATION NOTES

In your work on the "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign you will doubtless be asked many times about the child labor amendment and why the League of Women Voters is interested in this measure. Maybe your papers are full of editorials and other material telling what dreadful things will befall the country if this amendment is allowed to pass, and you are sometimes at a loss for a good answer to give to an opponent of the bill. If you want your legislators to represent you next winter in Indianapolis, and to vote for the ratification of the amendment, you must be sure to elect men and women who represent *you*, and not someone who voted while you stayed at home.

On page 4 is the text of the amendment, followed by some of the arguments for and against it.

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A LOOK AHEAD

Mrs. Paul Rittenhouse,
Secretary, Fourth Region, Indiana
League of Women Voters

Mrs. Paul Rittenhouse, our Fourth Regional Secretary, will be in Indianapolis for the meeting of the State Board, October 16. Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross of Rensselaer, Organization Chairman, and Mrs. Frederick E. Lauenstein of Evansville, Membership Chairman, will arrange a meeting of the district chairmen to take advantage of the opportunity to consult with Mrs. Rittenhouse on the problems facing the League during the coming year.

November is to be full of good things, starting off with Election Day, when we all have a chance to stick our fingers into the political pie, continuing with a Tri-State Conference in Chicago, at which several National League officers will be speakers, and winding up with Mrs. Catt's tour of the state.

It's rather far ahead to make plans about the Tri-State Conference, but here is a hint of some of the treats that will be included on the program:

The Tri-State Conference

Mrs. William G. Hibbard, Director of the Fourth Region of the National League of Women Voters, invites you to a Tri-State Conference to be held in Chicago, on Tuesday, November 18th, in which the state leagues of Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana are co-operating.

Those asked to attend the conference: all members of state league boards and state standing committee chairmen; congressional district and county chairmen (Indiana and Wisconsin); presidents of local leagues and members suggested by them.

The conference is to be in the nature of an "experience meeting," and the program will be conducted through informal discussion groups, in which everyone will be asked to participate. The speeches of the discussion leaders will be limited to from fifteen to twenty minutes, and will be followed by general discussion of the subjects. The morning session is to be devoted to problems of Organization, state and local, and to League Finance; and the afternoon session will deal with Program and with the Child Labor Amendment.

Advantage is to be taken of the fact that the Illinois convention is scheduled for the three days following the conference and the national officers who are to be present at the convention will be invited to join in the conference.

Letters of invitation will go out from the various state leagues giving details of place and hours; but do not wait for your invitation before making your plans. Decide now that you will come.

Mrs. William T. Barnes,
President.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, who succeeded Susan B. Anthony as president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, and continued in that office for thirteen notable years; who was president of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance from its foundation in 1902, until last year, when she was made honorary president, and who is now both honorary and acting president of the Pan-American Association for the Advancement of Women, will be the guest of four Indiana Leagues this fall. She will speak at the third annual citizenship school conducted by Purdue University, on November 21, at Evansville a day or so later, at Terre Haute on November 26, and at Michigan City about December 1.

THE CHILDREN'S AMENDMENT

MRS. WILBUR TEMPLIN
Chairman, Child Welfare Committee

WHAT IT IS AND WHY

An Amendment to the Federal Constitution containing a grant of power to Congress.

Enabling Congress, hereafter, to make laws against the exploitation of childhood at premature or injurious labor.

Necessary legally because two Supreme Court decisions on two Federal child labor statutes have indicated that Congress has not now the power.

Necessary socially and morally because child labor is a national problem and an interstate abuse for which state laws have proved inadequate.

WHAT IT SAYS AND WHY

Section 1. The Congress shall have power to limit, regulate, and prohibit the labor of persons under 18 years of age.

Section 2. The power of the several States is unimpaired by this article except that the operation of State laws shall be suspended to the extent necessary to give effect to legislation enacted by the Congress.

Broad and general in terms as a Constitutional amendment should be to meet changing conditions and national developments.

Prescribes no particular kind of child labor law except to fix an upper age limit beyond which Congress may not legislate. Is *an enabling act only*.

Contains *no Prohibition* whatever.

Does *not* prohibit labor of children up to 18 years of age.

Does *not* contemplate a Federal law with general prohibition up to 18 years.

Does contemplate Federal regulation in accordance with majority sentiment of the States through their representatives in Congress.

Makes possible Federal law *similar to many existing State laws* regulating employment of boys and girls of 16 and 17 years, as well as younger, in extra hazardous occupations and at night work or overlong hours.

Farm Work and Domestic Service not exempted in amendment because *proper place for exemptions is in statute*. Congress may enact under this grant of power.

HOW THE AMENDMENT BECOMES LAW

Congress has passed it by two-thirds vote of each House.

Thirty-six States at least must ratify in order to make the amendment a part of the Constitution.

Forty-two State legislatures meet in 1925.

A majority vote in each legislature is sufficient.

WHAT IS CHILD LABOR

Child labor is the work of children under conditions that interfere with the physical development, education, and opportunities for recreation which children require. It is the working of children at unfit ages, for unreasonable hours, or under unhealthful conditions.

Children may work wholesomely and profitably, but their employment under unfair or improper conditions is an economic waste, a social crime, and a political menace.

A LITTLE HISTORY

A Federal child labor statute was enacted by Congress in 1916.

The United States Supreme Court declared it unconstitutional in 1918.

A second Federal Law was passed in 1919.

The United States Supreme Court declared this unconstitutional in 1922.

THE CHILDREN'S AMENDMENT

A FEW REASONS

Congress passed those laws because:

State laws have proved inadequate.

States desiring to protect their children must do so against the competition of States with low child labor standards.

Interstate exploitation is not prevented by State laws.

American children are now denied equal protection of the law.

Evils resulting from child labor spread across State lines.

SOME FACTS

In the United States one child in every 12—and for some States one child in every 4— is gainfully employed.

The Census of 1920 showed over 1,000,000 children from ten to sixteen years of age working in the United States in factories, mills, canneries, agriculture, mines and in other industries and occupations. Nearly 400,000 of them were between 10 and 14 years of age.

Child labor occurs in all sections of the country.

Child laborers between 10 and 16 years were reported by the Census of 1920 in cotton mills, woolen, worsted and silk mills, iron and steel mills, clothing factories and sweatshops, lumber mills and furniture factories, shoe factories and coal mines; as servants, waiters, messengers, bundle wrappers, office boys and girls, sales boys and girls, clerks, newsboys, and in various other occupations.

Only 13 States measure up in all respects to the conservative standards of the first and second Federal laws.

Nine States have no law prohibiting all children under 14 from working in both factories and stores Twenty-three States with a 14-year minimum age limit have weakened their laws by permitting exemptions under which children not yet 14 may work.

Thirty-five States allow children to go to work without a common-school education.

Nineteen States do not make physical fitness for work a condition of employment.

Eleven States allow children under 16 to work from 9 to 11 hours a day; one does not regulate in any way daily hours of labor of children.

Four States do not protect children under 16 from night work.

Sweat-shop work for children to do is sent across State lines.

Employers thus manage to escape penalties under any State law.

Child workers themselves cross State lines, migrating with seasonal industries, and growing up without education in spite of State laws.

Evil results of child labor thus reach all States.

POINTS TO PONDER

Some people say:

"We cannot afford it." "Our industries need the children." "Our people are too poor." "Work is good for children." "You are only throwing children out of work and into mischief on the streets."

BUT—

Industry is never justified in thriving on children.

Child labor does not lessen poverty—it reproduces it.

Child labor and work that is good for children are two different things.

Regulation does not throw children on the streets —it puts them into schools.

Child labor to support a widowed mother is a remedy worse than the disease, and most States have laws which provide for dependent children in their own homes.

Poverty is not the commonest reason for children going to work.

"WHY NOT LEAVE IT TO THE STATES?"

It has always been with the States, but many States have failed their children. (See "Some Facts.")

State laws do not prevent interstate abuses nor the spread of the evil results of child labor.

STATES RIGHTS AND STATE INITIATIVE

The amendment does not take away any State's right to regulate or prohibit child labor.

It gives Congress the right to establish a minimum standard of protection for all American children.

It safeguards the right of the State to give greater protection than Congress may give.

It gives Congress no right every State does not have.

The former Federal child labor laws stimulated State action.

The nullification of those laws slowed up State action.

"DUPLICATING THE COST OF ADMINISTRATION"

State and Federal co-operation prevents duplication. The operation of the former child labor laws proved this.

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High Lights of The National Platfo

The Conference for Progressive Political Action

Favors

(1) The use of the power of the Federal Government to crush private monopoly, not to foster it.

(2) Unqualified enforcement of the constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech, press and assemblage.

(3) Public ownership of the nation's water power and creation of a public superpower system. Strict public control and permanent conservation of all natural resources, including coal, iron and other ores, oil and timber lands, in the interest of the people. Promotion of public works in times of business depression.

(4) Retention of surtaxes on swollen incomes, restoration of the tax on excess profits, taxation of stock dividends and of profits undistributed to evade taxes, rapidly progressive taxes on large estates and inheritances, and repeal of excessive tariff duties, especially on trust-controlled consumption, to relieve the people of the present unjust burden of taxation and compel those who profited by the war to pay their share of the war's costs, and to provide the funds for adjusted compensation solemnly pledged to the Veterans of the World War.

(5) Reconstruction of the Federal Reserve and Federal Farm Loan Systems to provide for direct public control of the nation's money and credit to make it available on fair terms to all, and national and state legislation to permit and promote co-operative banking.

(6) Adequate laws to guarantee to farmers and industrial workers the right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing for the maintenance or improvement of their standards of life.

(7) Creation of a government marketing corporation to provide a direct route between farm producer and city consumer and to assure farmers fair prices for their products, and protect consumers from the profiteers in foodstuffs and other necessaries of life. Legislation to control the meat-packing industry.

(8) Protection and aid of co-operative enterprises by national and state legislation.

(9) Common international action to effect the economic recovery of the world from the effects of the World War.

(10) Repeal of the Cummins-Esch law. Public ownership of railroads, with democratic operation, with definite safeguards against bureaucratic control.

(11) Abolition of the tyranny and usurpation of the courts, including the practice of nullifying

The National Prohibition Party

"The astounding revelations of corruption and maladministration in government extending to the Cabinet itself, are but the inevitable consequences of the moral bankruptcy of a political party which, perpetuating the old liquor regime, is dependent upon the wet vote for its margin of plurality."

We support the proposal for the entry of this country into the Court of International Justice, as an important step for substituting law for force in the settlement of international disputes.

While adhering to our time-honored position of demanding justice for both labor and capital, we declare that the interests of the general public are paramount to both. Therefore, we favor the speedy enactment by Congress and the several state legislatures, each in its respective jurisdiction, of such legislation as shall impartially protect all three of these classes.

It is self-evident that the farmer with his investment in his lands, buildings, livestock, machinery, tools and labor, ought to receive more than one-half of the dollar paid by the consumer for the products of the farm, where no process of manufacture intervenes. If given power, we will by appropriate legislation, endeavor to secure to the farmer his just share of the proceeds of his toil.

All natural resources, including mineral, oil and timber lands, water powers and other wealth still remaining to the United States, after the wasteful and profligate administration of corrupt old party officials should be held perpetually and operated to produce revenue for the use of the Government. They must not be ruthlessly squandered by men or corporations for their own enrichment, nor must they become the collateral of political parties for promissory notes, issued for value received.

We denounce the enactment by the Republican and Democratic parties in many states of unjust and discriminatory election laws, that make it almost, and in some states entirely impossible for minor parties to retain their place on the official ballot, or for new parties to be formed, and we demand their repeal.

The Bible is the Magna Charta of human liberty and national safety and is of highest educational value. Therefore it should have large place in our public schools.

Recognizing the fact that there are large numbers of unassimilated aliens now in this county who, in their present condition and environment, are incapable of assimilation, and are therefore a menace

Platforms of Other Political Parties

The Conference for Progressive Political Action (continued)

legislation in conflict with the political, social or economic theories of the judges. Abolition of injunctions in labor disputes and of the power to punish for contempt without trial by jury. Election of all Federal judges without party designation for limited terms.

(12) Prompt ratification of the Child Labor Amendment; subsequent enactment of a Federal Law to protect children in industry.

Removal of legal discriminations against women by measures not prejudicial to legislation necessary for the protection of women and for the advancement of social welfare.

(13) A deep waterway from the Great Lakes to the sea.

(14) We denounce the mercenary system of degraded foreign policy under recent administrations in the interests of financial imperialists, oil monopolists and international bankers, which has at times degraded out State Department from its high service as a strong and kindly intermediary of defenseless governments to a trading outpost for those interests and concession seekers engaged in the exploitations of weaker nations, as contrary to the will of the American people, destructive of domestic development and provocative of war. We favor an active foreign policy to bring about a revision of the Versailles Treaty in accordance with the terms of the armistice, and to promote firm treaty agreements with all nations to outlaw wars, abolish conscription, drastically reduce land, air and naval armaments, and guarantee public referendums on peace and war.

Favors

The enactment of the postal salary adjustment measure for the employees of the postal service passed by the first session of the 68th Congress and vetoed by President Coolidge.

Enforcement and extension of the merit system in the Federal Civil Service to all its branches and transfer of the functions of the Personnel Classification Board to the United States Civil Service Commission.

The immediate and complete independence of the Philippine Islands, in accordance with the pledges of the official representative of the American people.

The National Prohibition Party (continued)

to our institutions, we declare for an immediate, scientific investigation, looking forward to a constructive program for Americanizing these aliens.

We deplore the prevailing disregard of the parties in power of the Constitutional division of governmental powers into Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches, and when placed in authority we pledge strict observance of such division.

We approve and adopt the program of the National League of Women Voters for public welfare in government in so far as a strict regard for the division of powers under our dual form of government will permit.

We favor the extension of the merit system to all the agencies of the executive branches of government.

We favor freedom of speech, a free press, our free public school system, and compulsory attendance in our public schools. We are unalterably opposed to public monies being used for sectarian purposes. We favor keeping open to public inspection all places where public wards are cared for.

The Conference for Progressive Political Action (continued)

Appropriate legislation which will provide for the people of the Virgin Islands, a more permanent form of civil government such as will enable them to attain their economic, industrial and political betterment.

In the prevailing starvation in Germany, which, according to authoritative evidence, is beyond the scope of private charity, and in the event of like destitution in any other country, we consider it humane and just, and in conformity with our traditions and former practices, that the aid of our government should be extended in the form of the delivery of surplus food supplies to a reasonable amount, and upon such conditions as the emergency may justify.

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WHAT THE LEAGUE ASKED OF THE PARTIES

The National League of Women Voters submitted to the platform committees of the various political parties the following planks. Read the national and state platforms of the parties (see National League's booklet containing national political platforms, also September Voter for state platforms of two major parties, and this number for platforms of LaFollette Progressive and Prohibition parties). See for yourself which party has promised the heartiest helpfulness to the League program. And Vote November 4!

THE LEAGUE'S PLANKS

BELIEVING IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO PREVENT WAR, WE SUPPORT

the proposal for the entry of the United States into the Permanent Court of International Justice as at present organized, and urge on members of the Senate the action necessary to such entry.

We advocate a policy of participation in international conferences and of co-operation with international agencies both for the elimination of the causes of war and for humanitarian purposes. We urge that such co-operation already begun shall be made official.

BELIEVING IN GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC WELFARE, WE ADVOCATE

prompt ratification by the states of the Child Labor Amendment to the Constitution proposed by the present Congress, and the subsequent immediate enactment of suitable Federal legislation for the protection of children in industry;

Adequate appropriations for the Women's and Children's Bureaus in the Department of Labor, and for vocational training in Home Economics;

The continuance by the Federal Government of co-operation with the states for the protection of maternity and infancy;

Recognition of the immediate need of an equalization of educational opportunity throughout the nation, and action in conformity with this American ideal, including the creation of a Federal Department of Education;

The removal of legal discriminations against women by specific measures not prejudicial to women's labor laws or to social welfare legislation; and legislation for equal rights between men and women drawn with full consideration of each specific type of law involved, instead of attempting to deal with the subject by blanket legislation.

BELIEVING IN EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT, WE SUPPORT

the principle of the merit system as the basis of appointment to office and promotion in office, and urge its extension to all the agencies of the executive branch of government, as the means of securing effective administration and enforcement of law.

WHAT OTHER STATES ARE DOING TO GET OUT THE VOTE

The East Providence (Rhode Island) League checked up the registration lists in the Town Clerk's office some time before the final registration date, sent delinquent names to district leaders, and these leaders made personal calls, telephone calls, and sent postal card notices, in an effort to have every name registered. This took devotion and organization.

Maine has increased her primary vote 77.4% over the vote cast in 1920. Three cheers for Maine!

The Dayton (Ohio) League has persuaded the big department stores to carry a brief "editorial" in a box in their advertisements for several days before election, urging women to vote. Everybody knows how we all read department store ads.

Kansas has increased her primary vote about 100,000 over that cast four years ago.

A special "Wayne County Edition" of the Michigan League's Bulletin tells what the Northern Detroit League is doing to Get Out The Vote. Each member was asked to start an "endless chain of visiting" by calling on her two next door neighbors, urging them to register, and also to call on their next door neighbors and urge them to repeat the performance. If carried out, this ought to cover a lot of territory with little effort on the part of any one woman.

The Minnesota League is conducting a series of One-Day Schools for Voters, in order to interest women in suffrage, and what it means, and to give them a glimpse of what makes the wheels go round in politics. The subjects chosen bear directly on the elections this year.

The St. Cloud League (Minnesota) is using blackboards on which are written a succession of catchy slogans including riddles, jingles, last line limericks, and pertinent sayings about voting, to attract and hold attention at county fairs.

The New York League is broadcasting a series of talks on such subjects as "Ballots and Split Tickets," "For the People, By the People," "Citizens and Slackers," "Why Register and Enroll"; local Leagues in New York are giving Radio Teas, which gather members and guests around the receiving sets at the time the speeches are made.

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CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL AND STATE OFFICES

(When the *Voter* went to press, these were the only names on file at the office of Governor Branch, besides those published in the September *Voter;* many parties filed incomplete tickets.)

LaFollette Progressive Party

President—Robert M. LaFollette, of Wisconsin.
Vice-President—Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana.

Socialist Party

President—Robert M. LaFollette, of Wisconsin.
Vice-President—Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana.
Governor—Francis M. Wampler, Linton.
Lieut. Governor—Henry S. Newland, Indianapolis.
Secretary of State—Emma Henry, Indianapolis.
Auditor—Daniel C. Adams, Rosedale.
Treasurer—Arthur C. Carroll, Kokomo.
Attorney General—Forrest Wallace, Veedersburg.
Superintendent of Public Instruction—Lois Newlund, Indianapolis.
Judge of Appellate Court, first district—Archibald W. Hamilton, Terre Haute.
Judge of Appellate Court, second district—Hattie M. Hodges, Mishawaka.
Judge of Supreme Court, first district—Joseph C. Monarch, Vicksburg.
Judge of Supreme Court, second district—Wilbur Sheron, Marion.
Reporter of the Supreme and Appellate Courts—Effie M. Mueller, Indianapolis.

National Independent Party

Governor—H. Earl Brown, Franklin.
Secretary of State—Leonard G. Simmons, Indianapolis.

Commonwealth Land Party

President—William C. Wallace, New Jersey.
Vice-President—John C. Lincoln, Ohio.

Prohibition Party

President—Herman P. Faris, Missouri.
Vice-President—Marie C. Brehm, California.
Governor—Basil L. Allen, Indianapolis.
Lieutenant Governor—Albert Stanley, Indianapolis.
Secretary of State—Ross S. Davis, Greenfield.
Treasurer—Levi H. Rowell, Indianapolis.
Auditor—W. E. Clark, Bloomington.
Superintendent of Public Instruction—W. O. Bailey, Angola.
Reporter Supreme Court—Wayne R. Mathews, Richmond.

American Party

(Not filed when *Voter* went to press.)
President—Gilbert O. Nations, Washington, D. C.
Vice-President—Charles H. Randall, California.

HAVE YOU READ 'EM?

"Five Roads to the White House," by Richard J. Walsh in the October *Woman's Home Companion* describes the various ways that a man may become president—ways that some of us have never known as possibilities. "Not for a hundred years has the political highway been so marked with mysterious detours," says Mr. Walsh; and to carry out the metaphor, there is a clever illustration in imitation of an old engraved map, with the five roads winding about on it, amid tiny pictures.

Miss Belle Sherwin's picture heads an article, "Rally Round the Ballot Booth," by Anna Steese Richardson in the same magazine. It reviews the work done by the three Leagues that won prizes in the *Companion's* "How We Got Out the Vote"

Mark Sullivan says there will be "No Deadlock for the Presidency." (*World's Work for October.*) He backs his statement with some history and some argument, based on his knowledge of the political situation.

"Why Women Support the Progressive Ticket," by Mabel Cory Costigan; "The Democratic Party, The Friend of Women," and "A Tribute to the Women of America," quoted from an address by President Coolidge, all full-page articles in *The Woman Citizen* for September 6, and each one supplied by the National Committee of its party, are well worth reading. It doesn't matter whether you are an independent or a "by-roter" (if we have any in the League) you will find stimulating material, and real food for thought in every one of these articles. Perhaps they may help you to determine which candidate to choose in November.

"Government by Yokel", an article by Orville A. Walsh in the October *American Mercury*, is an interesting discussion of the proposition that the United States Senate and state legislatures are not directly and proportionately representative, and that country districts outweigh city districts in these legislative bodies. Mr. Walsh's argument is interesting, especially as he discusses the results of this condition, and takes up the effect of the prohibition problem as it is handled through rural representatives.

Marguerite Arnold reviews the work that women in political offices have done, and the work of women's organizations in matters that touch on politics, asking, in an article on "Woman's Page In Politics," (*Pictorial Review* for October) "Will the next ten years see an enormous expansion in the political life of the American woman?"

THE YEAR'S PROGRAM

Mrs. Paul J. Meifeld of Frankfort, who was chosen chairman of the program committee for the state, has prepared a plan of work that promises to keep everybody busy this year. We print it so that you may have it on hand for reference; if you need literature, information, or aid of any sort in working out your programs for the various months, write to state headquarters, and we will be glad to help you. The program follows:

SEPTEMBER

"Get-Out-the-Vote" Campaign

Opening meeting in nature of a double up party or with first voters as special guests, etc.

Speakers on "Get-Out-The-Vote", and "Purpose and Program of the League of Women Voters."

Social features might be added .

OCTOBER

Continue "Get-Out-The-Vote" Campaign.

Study—The platforms of the major parties as adopted at their conventions.

Speakers—Candidates of major parties to talk on the duties of the respective offices they are seeking and to stress the value of the "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign.

NOVEMBER

The Legislative Program

The problem of law enforcement especially as concerns the existing laws that have been sponsored by the League:

a. Sheppard-Towner
b. Mother's Aid
c. School attendance
d. State Probation

Study the Child Labor Amendment:

a. Why has the League continued to support the amendment?
b. Why should it be ratified?

Present this program of Child Welfare to successful candidates and urge again their support of these measures.

DECEMBER

The Legislative Program

Study the constitution of Indiana with a view to ascertaining especially how the two houses of our legislature function.

Study the legal status of women in Indiana as shown by Mrs. Carina C. Warrington in a little pamphlet which may be obtained from state headquarters.

JANUARY

The 1925 Session of the General Assembly

Study the League's bills up for passage. These will be sent all Leagues later. After extensive study of these bills organize your League into active support of such by means of personal work among your legislators.

FEBRUARY

The 1925 Session of the General Assembly

Continue work for League's bills.

Study—International co-operation to prevent war:

a. The World Court (Status)
b. The Disarmament Treaty (Shotwell)
c. Conscription Amendment (Christian Science Monitor)

Suggest patriotic party for either Lincoln's or Washington's birthday.

MARCH

Efficiency in Government

Study—Of some of the problems the League is especially interested in:

a. The Short Ballot
b. The Civil Service (The Merit System)
c. Simplification of state and county administration

Why does the League continue its support of the direct primary?

What modifications could be made to make nominations by this method representative?

APRIL

Review of the General Assembly's Session

Did our legislators represent us?

Are qualified women representing us:

a. On school boards
b. On boards of children's guardians
c. In probation work
d. In public office

If not, why?

MAY

State Convention

Resume of local League's achievements for report to state convention.

Closing social party.

In preparing this program for the coming year, five points have been considered:

1. The Get-Out-The-Vote campaign.
2. The 1925 session of the Legislature.
3. The holding of at least one citizenship school in every district—one in every League if possible.
4. The district meeting.
5. The state convention.

The citizenship school and the district meeting can come at a time convenient to the local Leagues, but the other three events are arbitrarily set for us and must be included at the same time by every League.

Membership drives and the raising of money quotas for the state and for the local Leagues have not been mentioned in this outline, but of course these two features must be successfully taken care of else there will be no necessity for the rest of the program. Different communities take care of these matters in different ways. For instance, bridge parties with so much charged a table are successful some places where they would fail at others. If all other money-raising schemes seem too far fetched for your own locality you can always fall back on bazaars, rummage sales, picture show benefits and food markets.

Mrs. Mullins has arranged a state financing plan, which I know she has already sent to you and which gives promise of being very successful.

IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We are indebted to the National Manufacturer's Association for generous and effective help in the Get-Out-The-Vote campaign. The slogan, "Vote as you please, but Vote!" which has been adopted as the keynote of our campaign, is the clinching final phrase on a striking tri-colored sticker which the association has given us in quantities for free distribution. Our front cover is a reprint from the front page of a four-page leaflet also supplied us free by the National Manufacturer's Association; and the inside of the leaflet was so clever, forceful and fitting that we have reprinted it for our editorial.

The stickers and leafllets were brought to the attention of the state League by Miss Eldena Lauter, who had received some as a member of the National Association of Manufacturers. When Mrs. Greenough wrote to Mr. D. M. Edwards, chairman of the Get-Out-The-Vote committee of the Association, she received a letter full of encouragement and helpful suggestions. At her request, Mr. Edwards sent ten thousand stickers and folders to each of the six other states of the Fourth Region. Indiana is distributing 20,000 of each, through the generosity of the association. The National Association of Manufacturers is also planning to have the tri-colored sticker reproduced in the movies, and to have "a little vote sermon" broadcasted in about five hundred cities in the United States.

Mr. J. A. Shields of Seymour, state president of the Manufacturer's Association, has also pledged us his cordial co-operation in the work. With everyone working together like this, surely the 1924 election will set a new voting standard throughout the United States, and Indiana will head the list in the number of voters who cast their ballots on November 4.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE VOTE IN INDIANA IN RECENT YEARS

1920—Primary, 317,334. (Women could not vote in this primary.)

Election, 1,250,595. (Women voted for the first time.)

1922—Primary, 657,998.

Election, 1,097,362. (Not a presidential election.)

1924—Primary, 700,831.
Election—Up to you!

TWO NEW APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. L. R. Halvorsen, of Evansville, has been appointed First District Chairman in the place of Mrs. Christine Cunningham, of Princeton, who resigned. Mrs. Halvorsen is the president of the Evansville League; under her able leadership the League put on its highly successful Garbage Disposal campaign last year. Her efforts and her resourceful suggestions are largely responsible for the approaching engagement of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt as speaker for the League in November. She is carrying on a "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign, and is doing a great deal to assure the success of the Citizenship School which is to be held at Evansville this month.

Mrs. W. T. Barnes has appointed Mrs. Margaret Hoop, of Shelbyville, state chairman of the women in Industry Committee. Mrs. Hoop is director of the Division of Women and Children for the State of Indiana, a position which she has held since January. During the illness of the county superintendent at Shelbyville some years ago, Mrs. Hoop, as secretary of the board of school commissioners practically had charge of the schools of the county, and did a remarkable piece of work in handling the educational problems and administration of the county during that time. The League is fortunate in obtaining her consent to act as chairman of one of its most important committees.

In Memoriam

It was with profound regret that the Indiana League of Women Voters learned of the death of Dr. Mary E. Phelps of Newburg, state chairman of the Social Hygiene Committee of the League. Dr. Phelps was for thirty-five years a practicing physician: the spirit of altruism which prompted her to choose medicine for her profession expressed itself also in her interest in civic and political movements directed toward social betterment. Throughout her life Dr. Phelps was active in the cause of suffrage; she was a valuable member of the Franchise League, and of the League of Women Voters, both the local and state organizations, retaining her interest even after illness made it difficult for her to do active work. Only a few days before her death she gave a Social Hygiene program at a meeting of the Newburg League. Her splendidly progressive spirit, her loyalty to the highest ideals of social service, and her resourceful and active interest in every worth while movement, will be long remembered by her associates in both the state and local leagues.

THE CHILDREN'S AMENDMENT

Continued from page 9

The cost of the administration of the first Federal child labor law for the nine months it was in operation was $111,000.

WILL CONGRESS "ABUSE ITS POWER"?

NO. BECAUSE:

It is composed of representatives of the States, who express the majority sentiment of their States.

It now has power on other subjects far greater than the power it has exercised.

To refuse Congress power because that power might be abused would be to stop legislation altogether.

Congress has already indicated by two previous child labor laws what kind of statute it would probably enact now.

Neither Congress nor any State legislature has ever considered prohibiting altogether the labor of children of 16 and 17, nor the work of boys and girls on their fathers' farms or at home.

SUPPORTERS OF THE AMENDMENT

Three candidates for President—
Calvin Coolidge
John W. Davis
Robert M. LaFollette

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American Federation of Teachers
American Home Economics Association
American Nurses' Association
Commission on the Church and Social Service, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America
General Federation of Women's Clubs
Girl's Friendly Society in America
Medical Women's National Association
National Child Labor Committee
National Council of Catholic Women
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Women
National Congress of Parents and Teachers
National Education Association
National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs
National League of Women Voters
National Woman's Christian Temperance Union
National Women's Trade Union League
Service Star Legion
Young Women's Christian Association

(By the Women's Committee for the Children's Amendment.)

DOES YOUR LEAGUE NEED FUNDS?

If so, perhaps this will help you get them.

My dear League President:

As we begin the fall work, I want to again place in your hands the $100 offer to the *Woman Citizen*

I know that you are just as interested as I am in the success of the *Woman Citizen*, and my only reason for writing is that I know how helpful it is to have material before one in formal order.

As you know, the offer is as follows:

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The subscription price is $2.00 a year.

We already have given twenty-two $100 checks to Leagues and clubs, and we hope this year to have an opportunity to give a great many more.

Don't you think the three pages of material supplied by the various political parties is an interesting departure in journalism?

With every good wish for a most successful year in your work, believe me

Sincerely yours,
Gertrude Foster Brown,
(Mrs. Raymond Brown)

A BOOK YOU WILL WANT TO READ

Particularly timely for League members interested in the "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign is the penetrating and helpful study of "Non-voting", by Professor Charles Edward Merriam, and Harold Foote Gosnell, both of the department of political science of Chicago University. After setting forth the methods used to obtain material for the book, the authors proceed to a general analysis of the causes of non-voting, take up the various major causes in some detail, and include precinct studies, which throw light on the human aspects of the problem through study of specimen precincts. The chapter on methods of controlling non-voting holds a special interest for all of us who are trying to work out methods of our own, and to apply those of others.

NEWS OF THE BRANCH LEAGUES

The Tippecanoe County League of Women Voters opened the season with its annual "double-up" luncheon September 11. Mrs. A. C. Clauser of Delphi, spoke on the Institute of Government and Politics held at Ann Arbor this summer; Mrs. Virginia Meredith, of Lafayette, told why women should vote. Mrs. T. A. Stuart, president of the League, announced that Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt would be a guest of the League on November 21, and would speak at a League meeting on that date. Members of the Jasper County League were guests at the luncheon.

The New Carlisle League held an open meeting for men and women in September, at which Mrs. A. B. Hamilton talked on "Current Issues."

The Terre Haute League of Women Voters is offering prizes of $10 and $5 to the two high school pupils of Vigo county who write the best essays on "Why All Good Citizens Should Vote." Librarians will co-operate by furnishing material for the essays. This is one of the activities initiated by the League in its "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign. A first voters' luncheon on October 10 is another feature of the local campaign.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt will make an address in Terre Haute under the auspices of the League.

The Tipton League held its first fall meeting the third week in September. Plans for the "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign were discussed.

Talks on the platforms of the Republican, Democratic, and Progressive Political Action parties were the "Get-Out-The-Vote" feature at the opening meeting of the Valparaiso League September 15.

The Knox County League of Women Voters has been entertaining to some purpose this summer. Members of the League living in Bicknell, Sandborn, Bruceville and Edwardsport united in entertaining the Vincennes members at the home of Mrs. John S. Hoover in Bicknell, late in August. The Vincennes League returned the compliment September 9, with a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Ebner. During the business sessions that followed the luncheons, plans were laid for getting out the vote. A motor corps was organized and will be used both for registration and election, to bring eligible voters to the registration booths and to the polls.

The Elkhart League sponsored a Better Babies Contest at the county fair in September, co-operating with the county tuberculosis society and the Child Study Club of Goshen.

Registrations for the Evansville League's Citizenship school to be held this month have been pouring in at League headquarters in Evansville. The program includes lectures on "The Functions and Duties of the Offices for Which We Vote," and "The Ethical Aspects of Citizenship." A demonstration of the use of the voting machine will be given.

The Kokomo League of Women Voters has suffered a severe loss in the death of Mrs. Orpha D. Havens, a valued and helpful member; resolutions of regret sent to the surviving members of her family expressed the intention of the League to keep an American flag draped over her desk for ninety days as a tribute to her memory.

Mrs. Edward Franklin White of Indianapolis, candidate for Supreme Court Reporter on the Republican ticket, was the guest of honor at the dinner which opened the season of the Kokomo League in August. Her subject was "Uniform Marriage and Divorce Laws."

The Indianapolis League of Women Voters opened its Get-Out-The-Vote campaign by registering over five hundred voters at four booths in downtown department stores on September 5. The booths will be used downtown again before October 6.

Mrs. William White was the hostess for the meeting of the Jefferson Township League of Women Voters in Hagerstown, August 10. The program included talks by league members on "Defense Day," "The Presidential Candidates," "The Rising Tide of Voters," and "Getting Out The Vote."

At a meeting of the Aurora League this month the members present pledged themselves to a 100% registration and vote, and to use their influence in every way to get others out. The presidents of all the clubs in town will be asked to urge on their members the necessity of voting, and stickers and leaflets will be distributed at the Farmers Fair on October 3 and 4.

News of the Branch Leagues

The Lake County League of Women Voters met in Hammond, August 28, for luncheon, followed by an afternoon of talks and the election of officers. Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross of Rensselaer, spoke on the 'Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign, and Mrs. W. H. Parkinson of Lafayette, tenth district chairman, outlined the plan of the year's work.

Mrs. Walter S. Greenough, chairman of the "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign, addressed the Delphi League at a dinner Tuesday evening, September 30. On October 2 she spoke on "Getting Out The Vote" to the Business and Professional Women's Club in Anderson, and on October 8 at the luncheon of the American Association of University Women in Indianapolis. On October 11, Mrs. Greenough will speak on the same subject at Terre Haute.

At the suggestion of Mrs. I. E. May, each member of the Anderson League is sending five postal cards to five friends, asking each one to be sure to register and vote, and to send five similar postals, in her turn, to five of her friends with the same request. This is turning the "chain letter" idea to real practical and patriotic advantage.

The Bloomington League at its first meeting, late in September, laid plans for the distribution of "Get-Out-The-Vote" literature at the county fair, read the pledge for conscientious citizens, and heard addresses by two child welfare workers on health work being organized in Monroe County.

The Brookville League has arranged for a snappy "Get-Out-The-Vote" contest, in which members of the League will take sides and try to outdo each other in promoting the campaign. Details of the contest were not entirely worked out when the *Voter* went to press, but we expect to hear more of it before election day.

The Woman's City Club of Evansville, has pledged its support to the League in its "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign.

The Peru League has passed the resolutions of support to the campaign, and has determined not to hold any regular meetings until after election, in order that no other League activities may interfere with the business of getting out the vote, members have been urged to affiliate with, and work with their party organizations toward this end.

The Stroh League held a reception for the Parent-Teachers Association September 10, with an elaborate program.

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OUR STATE CITIZENSHIP SCHOOL

MRS. THOMAS ARTHUR STUART
President of the Tippecanoe County League of Women Voters.

Each year the Tippecanoe County League of Women Voters and the faculty of Purdue University put their heads together to work out a program full of interesting information which can be concentrated into two days of lecture and round table discussion, and invite the citizens of Indiana to enroll and attend the sessions of the citizenship school, and each year the enrollment mounts; last year it was 250, and this fall it promises to be greatly increased. Heretofore the school has been held in the spring; but this year, when it was discovered that Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt would be in the middle west during November, Dr. T. H. Moran, president of Purdue University, and head of the history department and Mrs. Thomas Arthur Stuart president of the Tippecanoe County League of Women Voters decided that the opportunity of securing her for an address was too good to miss, and accordingly it was decided to hold the school on November 20 and 21.

The school will open Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and will have morning afternoon and evening sessions on both Thursday and Friday. Members of the faculty of Purdue University and prominent League members will speak at the various sessions, which will be held in the Home Economics building at the university.

The November meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana League of Women Voters will be held Friday afternoon in Lafayette; only essential business will be discussed, and the meeting will adjourn early in order to permit the board members to attend the sessions of the school.

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OUR OWN AFFAIRS

Now that the great effort of getting out the vote is over, we may well take a brief rest from our somewhat strenuous activities and while we are resting, begin to store up a fund of information on League laws, both State and National, which we may have to defend in the legislature next January.

First of all, of course, comes the Child Labor Amendment to the United States Constitution, which will come up for ratification, and against which there is already being perfected a strong and organized opposition. Manufacturers of our state, if they are not too short sighted to recognize what is best for their own business, will get out and work for the amendment. Without it, they are forced under our state child labor law, to compete with manufacturers in states that have no child labor laws at all, or very lax ones; if the constitutional amendment is ratified, and Congress passes a national child labor law setting some limit on the age of children in industry, this unfair competition will be destroyed, and Indiana industries will be correspondingly benefited. For convincing answers to arguments against the amendment, we refer you to the material from the National League printed in the October *Voter*.

The state probation department is doubly dear to all of us who heard Mrs. Warrington's spirited defense of its work at the state convention last May. A few of Mrs. Warrington's arguments, and most effective of all, some facts and figures about the work of probation and what it means in moral benefit and monetary saving to the State and to local communities, appear this month as Service Station Notes.

We hope to have in our December number an equally interesting article on the school attendance work conducted by Miss Merry. The mother's aid legislation, which was sponsored by the League, and is now in force, is another project of ours which may be threatened in the coming legislative session. For information about it, write to state headquarters. And, indeed, whenever you are puzzled about any of the interests or activities of the League, your state office will be glad to supply you with information and helpful suggestions for study.

GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY

Sunday, December 7, will be observed throughout the world as Golden Rule Sunday, a day of sacrificial living in remembrance of tens of thousands of Near East Relief.

It is planned to serve a simple menu at the family table and then send a check for whatever amount the family can afford, to the Near East Relief for orphan support. A special appeal is made to the families of former service men, the Golden Rule committee emphasizing the loyalty of Armenian parents of the children this country is now helping, in rallying to the flags of the allies in the World War. Armenia, it is said, suffered more bitterly than Belgium in proportion to its population.

Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, with offices at 528 Peoples Bank Building, Indianapolis, is chairman and director of Golden Rule Sunday activities in Indiana.

"On Sunday, December 7, the citizens of all nations," said Mrs. Rumpler, "will be seated figuratively at the same table, partaking of the same food, thinking the same thoughts and entering into a new realization of the brotherhood of mankind."

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK.

American Education Week, which is to be observed November 17 to 24, deserves attention from loyal League members throughout the State. It is a feature of the Americanization work which has infinite possibilities for permanent benefit to both native and foreign-born citizens of any community. Unfortunately, it also has possibilities for incalculable harm, if the program of activities is planned by narrow, ignorant, provincial-minded or tactless patriots. "My country, right or wrong!" rings out with good effect in a speech, but as a working principle it doesn't tend to keep our country a leader among the nations, or to formulate and interpret its standards to the strangers within our gates.

The aim of American Education Week is to put clearly before our foreign population, and our native-born who have not thought about them, the ideals for which America stands, and for whose attainment the best American citizens are constantly striving. It is important that in working out a program for the week, emphasis should fall on the fact that these are *aims* toward which we work, and that the aid of every member of the community is needed to make them actualities—for every child, a chance at a good education; for every citizen a voice in government; for every individual, freedom for self-development and self-expression; for every family, a clean and healthful home; for every faith, a hospitable tolerance.

THE STATE PROBATION DEPARTMENT *of* INDIANA

Carina C. Warrington, State Probation Officer.

The work of the State Probation Department has for several years received the support of the Indiana League of Women Voters; and since probation work is still a comparatively new method in the treatment of delinquency, it is the belief of the League that it will be not only of interest to their members but to other citizens of the state to have a brief summary of some of the outstanding accomplishments of this department.

What Is Probation?

Probation is a scientific modern invention of the twentieth century. It proposes so to treat those whose conduct has violated our codes of moral behavior that changes in conduct will take place without the use of force, or restraints, or incarceration, so that indeed the individual will be transformed while living with us in the same community which condemned him.

The principle of probation is familiar to everyone who is interested in problems of delinquency. By the employment of probation officers in the juvenile courts, children are placed on probation and given an opportunity under proper supervision to demonstrate that they are not basically bad.

It should be clearly understood that probation is not a species of leniency as some seem to believe, nor is it a license for first offenders to commit crime. It is a scientific method of treating offenders, a showing of the way,—to protect and aid rather than to crush. Recent figures compiled by the National Probation Association show that 80% of the children placed on probation make good.

A probation officer is not a police officer in any sense of the word, but is an arm of the court whose duty it is to care for, protect and safeguard the interests of those individuals coming under his or her jurisdiction; and when dealing with children to remember always that all decisions should be based upon what is best for the child—not most convenient or easiest to do.

A probation officer visits the home of the probationer at regular intervals, assists and guides children of working age in the choice of a vocation; and helps plan for the "spare time" or recreation of probationers, a very important part of a probation officer's function.

Any court that does not have a probation officer is handicapped in its work with the children of the community. Even if it be the smallest county in the state, a child of that rural community who gets into difficulties is entitled under the law and in all fairness to the same advantages vouchsafed his city brother or sister. One child mishandled, misunderstood, or unnecessarily committed is a life marred and may be the ruination of other lives.

Probation Lowers State Taxes

The decrease in the population of the Indiana Boys' School during the year ending September 30, 1923, was eighty boys. That meant a saving to the tax payers of Indiana, based upon the per capita cost, of over $23,000.

The decrease in the population of the Indiana Girls' School for two years ending September 30, 1923, was thirty-five girls, a saving of over $12,000. And for the first time in years the Girls' School was able to accept all girls committed to that institution who came up to the necessary requirements.

Both Mr. McGonagle, superintendent of the Boys' School and Miss Sessions, superintendent of the Girls' School credit this decrease in institutional population to better probation work throughout the state.

Probation Lowers Local Taxes

In individual counties there have been savings of from $1,000 to $9,000 by the actual decrease in institutional expense. Where there have been efficient probation officers children have been removed from private institutions and placed in family homes under close supervision, thereby decreasing the expense to the county at the rate of $274.00 per year per child and at the same time giving the individual child a normal family life.

A good illustration of this type of work is shown by a recent report filed from Laporte County.

In the early part of 1924, this county had in one institution alone 25 children for whom it was paying at the rate of 75c per day per child. This same county had 6 children in three other private institutions for whom it was paying at the rate of 75c per day per child.

This made a total private institutional expense to the county per year of.....$8,486.25

Today the total private institutional expense to the county is as follows:

Four children in one institution and 1 child in another institution all at 75c per day per child. A total private institutional charge to the county today per year of 1,368.75

An actual saving per year to Laporte County of $7,017.50

An Economical Device

The law creating state supervision of probation did not in any way alter the previous probation law as to the number of local probation officers or the salary to be paid to them. There is therefore no additional local expense involved in the creation and maintenance of this state department. The only expense involved is the actual sum appropriated for its use, namely, eight thousand dollars.

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THE TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

An unusual opportunity to hear National League speakers on topics of paramount interest to League members, and also to consult together on some of the graver problems of League activity and administration is afforded by the Tri-State Conference to be held November 18, at the home of Mrs. William G. Hibbard, in Winnetka, Illinois. Our regional director has invited directors and standing committee chairmen of the state League, local League presidents and members suggested by them to become her guests for the day, and to talk over together their problems and achievments.

Mrs. A. H. Beardsley, of Elkhart, is on the program for a discussion of "Local League Progress," and Mrs. C. A. Carlisle of South Bend, Thirteenth District Chairman for the state League will talk on "Local League Organization." Mrs. Thomas H. Mullins, state League treasurer, will probably also attend the conference.

The fact that the state convention of the Illinois League will be held November 19, 20 and 21, is really in part responsible for the calling of the conference for the preceding day. National League officers who will attend the state convention consented to come a day earlier and give a little extra time to the representatives of Wisconsin and Indiana. Miss Katharine Ludington will lead the discussion on finance in the morning of the 18th, and Miss Julia Lathrop will talk on the Child Labor Amendment in the afternoon.

Other League leaders who will contribute to the discussions are Mrs. Harry E. Thomas, president of the Wisconsin League, Mrs. F. R. Moulton, an officer of the Sixth Ward League of Chicago, and Mrs. C. J. Otjen, president of the Milwaukee County League and Miss Marguerite Wells of Minnesota.

Indiana women will find Winnetka accessible from Chicago by the North Shore Electric, leaving Adams and Wabash at 9 o'clock; or if they will notify Mrs. Hibbard direct, she will see that they are met in Chicago and brought out to her home. The program will begin promptly at ten o'clock in the morning.

PROGRAM OF THE TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

ILLINOIS—INDIANA—WISCONSIN

Tuesday, November 18, 1924
840 Willow Road, Winnetka, Ill.

Morning Session—10 to 12:30

ORGANIZATION—

Discussion leader—Miss Marguerite M. Wells, Director Fifth Region, National League of Women Voters.

State Organization—Mrs. Harry E. Thomas, President Wisconsin League of Women Voters.

Local Organization—Mrs. F. R. Moulton, Sixth Ward League of Women Voters, Chicago; Mrs. C. A. Carliste, District Director, Indiana League of Women Voters: Miss Edna Wright, Organization Secretary, Wisconsin League of Women Voters.

FINANCE—

Discussion leader—Mrs. William G. Hibbard, Director Fourth Region, National League of Women Voters.

State Finance—Mrs. Thomas Henry Mullins, Finance Chairman, Indiana League of Women Voters.

Afternoon Session—2:00 to 4:00

PROGRAM—Relating the National Program to State Use.

Discussion leader—Mrs. Kenneth McKenzie, Champaign County League of Illinois.

State Programs—Mrs. Elliott Cheatham, formerly Director Third Region, National League of Women Voters.

Local League Programs—Mrs. C. J. Otjen, President Milwaukee County League of Women Voters; Mrs. A. H. Beardsley, Elkhart League of Women Voters, Indiana; Mrs. Belle Root, President Grundy County League of Women Voters, Illinois.

CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT—

Discussion leader—Miss Julia C. Lathrop, First Vice-President, National League of Women Voters.

Legislative Methods—Miss Jeanette Rankin, Montana.

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The climax of the program will be the address by Mrs. Catt, which will be given at Eliza Fowler Hall Friday evening. Her subject has not yet been announced, but it is probable that it will have some connection with the question of arbitration and world peace, which has been uppermost in Mrs. Catt's interest for many months. She recently announced the calling of a conference by six of the largest women's organizations in the country, to meet in Washington, D. C., to discuss the cause and cure of war. League members will be interested in the article by Mrs. Catt in the *Woman Citizen* for October 18, "Three Super States," in which Mrs. Catt explodes some ridiculous and hysterical rumors, and shows their effect on public opinion about world peace.

WHAT OTHER STATES ARE DOING

The University of Buffalo co-operated with the Erie County League of Women Voters in conducting a non-partisan Institute of Government and Politics, October 27, 28 and 29. Mrs. Samuel J. Bens of Utica, state chairman of the League's committee on education, and of other important committees, gave the history of a bill in the state legislature; other topics treated were: the extension of federal control, with particular reference to the child labor amendment, the tariff, proposed changes in the federal supreme court, and a round table discussion of possible improvement in the state registration laws.

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The Minnesota League has put out a folder about voters, schools which should stimulate interest in this method of interesting and educating voters. Topics treated include what every voter should know about voting, what every voter should know about parties, political issues of the day, and why vote? Mimeographed outlines with spaces for notes are furnished to everyone attending one of these schools.

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How presidential platforms are made, referenda questions, planks bearing on the cost of living, and issues on which the parties agree, are some of the interesting subjects treated at the Boston School of Politics conducted by the Massachusetts and Boston Leagues of Women Voters, October 20 and 21.

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One feature of the sixty-page Election Number of the Illinois bulletin is a chart of the members of the Illinois legislature seeking re-election, and their votes on various measures of interest to the women. The chart, which is published without comment, occupies three pages; it is this sort of "checking up" on the law makers, just before election, which demonstrates the sincerity of interest and effectively hints at the power of this *woman's* organization. A chart of this sort publicly displayed should prove an effective weapon when the next legislature convenes.

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We are glad to welcome the *Florida Voter,* which appears, full of information and live editorial comment, and promising to be a valuable addition to the League group of publications.

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A course of twelve lectures on America's foreign policy, beginning with the origin of the policy of isolation, and closing with a consideration of the World Court, is a feature of the winter work of the San Francisco League.

STATE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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From the foregoing figures it can be plainly seen that this department has saved the state many times the cost of its maintenance and at the same time has rendered local departments more efficient so that they in turn are saving the local communities large sums of money.

It has been clearly demonstrated that probation pays in dollars and cents by reducing institutional costs, both in the county and in the state.

State Supervision Pays

Statewide efficient probation work can only be obtained through state supervision of this work. This has been thoroughly demonstrated by the improvement in local probation work since the inauguration of the state department.

Having obtained state supervision, having proven its efficiency and economy, having demonstrated its ability to save both children and money, we must use our efforts to keep this department as a permanent part of our state administrative government.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC. REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, OF THE WOMAN VOTER, PUBLISHED MONTHLY AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, FOR OCTOBER 1, 1924.

State of Indiana, County of Marion, SS.:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Corinna R. Barnes, President, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the publisher of the Woman Voter and that the following is, to the best of her knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in Section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse side of this form, to-wit:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of September, 1924. M. D. LARSH.

(SEAL) Notary Public.

My commission expires March 8, 1927.

News of the Branch Leagues

The Rensselaer League held a successful First Voters Party October 10. Republican and Democratic speakers made non-partisan talks to the guests, and a program of music and dancing followed the talks. On October 14, a birthday party was given at the home of Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross, to celebrate the fifth birthday of the League. Jasper county has made a gain of about 500 in registration figures this year over the 1920 total.

Daughters of League members were among the guests at the Wabash Valley Conference dinner, held in Terre Haute October 10, when each League member was asked to bring with her a "first voter." Mrs. H. F. Nosler reported to the October meeting of the Board of Directors of the State League, that over one hundred essays were finally submitted to the judges in the League's contest after school authorities had weeded out the best from each school in Vigo County.

New officers of the Anderson League elected at a late September meeting are: Mrs. E. E. Estep, president, Miss Ranna Creson, first vice-president, Mrs. S. L. Van Petten, second vice-president, Mrs. Lewis, fourth vice-president, Mrs. B. H. Campbell, secretary-treasurer.

The Decatur League is still supplying the hospital with home canned fruits and jellies; we believe there must be some competition for beds in that hospital.

The Frankfort League held its opening meeting on the last day in September at the home of Mrs. John Roush. Chapter I of "The Outline of Government in the United States," was the study topic.

Mrs. Craig Miller, president of the Michigan League of Women Voters, was the speaker at a meeting of the Michigan City League late in September. Mrs. Catt will address the League December 1st.

The Indianapolis League registered over 1500 voters at booths maintained in the local department stores on days preceding the official registration days.

Speakers discussed the registration law and the importance of women in politics at a meeting of the Princeton League late in September.

Mrs. Jacob Pfisterer was the hostess for the October meeting of the Aurora League.

Thomas Konop, dean of the law school of the University of Notre Dame, addressed the Elkhart League of Women Voters at an evening meeting in the league's club house October 13, stressing the importance of voting. Talks by the Republican and Democratic county chairmen followed his address, and preceded a round table discussion which aroused a great deal of interest. The League conducted an institute of international politics, which included a series of four afternoon programs and an evening meeting open to the public.

Returns from two Fort Wayne precincts show that in one the registration of women exceeded that of the men by one registration, and in the other, the number of men registered just exactly equalled the number of women.

The October meeting of the Frankfort League was held at the home of Mrs. H. C. Sheridan. The League is studying "The Outline of Government in the United States."

The Michigan City League held a rally October 24 at which twenty-six candidates for office were invited to come and make short speeches. As another feature of the lcoal Get-Out-The-Vote campaign, the League offered a five dollar prize for the best letter on the subject: "What I Want My Vote To Do For Me."

Mrs. Homer Evans will be the hostess for the November meeting of the Portland League.

Speeches for and against the primary law were a feature of the October meeting of the South Bend League.

The Valparaiso League is interesting its members and other citizens in the proposition to obtain an adequate county hospital.

Mrs. William A. Cullop was the hostess for the October meeting of the Vincennes League.

The Jasper League of Women Voters elected the following new officers in October: Mrs. Mary L. Eckert, president, Mrs. Clem Eckstein, vice-president, Mrs. Kenneth Fry, secretary and Mrs. Paul Smiley, treasurer.

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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Corinna R. Barnes, President, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the publisher of the Woman Voter and that the following is, to the best of her knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in Section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse side of this form, to-wit:

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My commission expires March 8, 1927.

"A people who mean to *be* their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." *James Madison.*

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CHRISTMAS

The children's day. That's the way we can't help but think of it. Even though our well worn pocket book, tired out by demands from the income tax collector and the insatiable corner grocer, rebels at the thought of further squeezing for perfunctory nothings to be given to blase grown ups in return for similar favors, it is still ready to spring open at the sight of that electric train that Billy wants more than anything else.

Our own bright eyed youngsters, wild with excitement at the approach of the day, and satiated with possessions toward the end of it, are the big idea in Christmas. Right here is a good time to slip in a thought for their less fortunate brothers and sisters who are being forced to shoulder economic burdens before they have known the meaning of childhood.

Every member of the Indiana League of Women Voters will recognize the urgent necessity of seeing her state representative and senator immediately and setting him right on the provisions and purpose of the child labor amendment to the federal Constitution which will come up for ratification in the state legislature.

Contrary to the general impression, this proposed amendment contains no prohibition whatever. It is an enabling act only. It does not prohibit labor of children up to eighteen years of age, but merely sets eighteen years as an upper age limit beyond which Congress may not legislate.

Alice Stone Blackwell, writing in the Boston "Traveler" explains this in simple, direct terms, as follows:

"Thirty-eight states now debar boys and girls under 18 from certain dangerous occupations, or limit the number of hours they may work in factories, mines, etc. Eighteen is proposed as the age up to which Congress may legislate on child labor, to protect minors under 18 against dangerous trades and excessive hours, in the states which now give them no such protection.

"No one wants a law forbidding minors under 18 to work for wages, much less a law forbidding them to help their parents on the farm or in the home. Such a law has never been passed by any state, and could not possibly pass Congress. 'Trust the farm bloc for that!'" says Julia C. Lathrop.

In return, then, for the gift of citizenship which comes to Indiana women, devolves upon them the obligation to use that citizenship privilege for the best interests of humanity.

League members, when they interview their newly elected senators and representatives between now and the opening of the 1925 General Assembly will urge them not only to vote for ratification of the child labor amendment but to use their influence toward retention of legislation which the League has sponsored in the past—the state probation department and the school attendance department. Numerous attacks upon these laws were made in the last legislature and were promptly repulsed through the vigilance and efforts of the women lobbyists. Similar attacks may be made during the coming session. The women should inform themselves thoroughly on the great good which these departments have accomplished, that they may be prepared to present to the legislators convincing arguments for their retention.

One more duty of public giving remains. Every member of the League of Women Voters is asked to write to her national representative and senators, urging immediate entrance of the United States into the Court of International Justice. This Court was indorsed and this procedure urged by the national convention at Buffalo and the Indiana state convention at Michigan City.

Let your Christmas giving include these outstanding civic duties and the day will hold a richer meaning. Which brings us back to the ancient, undisputable philosophy, "Happiness Must Be Earned."

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IS THIS FAILURE?

Indiana Comes to the Fore Again!

For nearly a year periodicals have been discussing the pros and cons of the questions, "Is Woman Suffrage a Failure?" And we almost reached the point of believing the men when they said it was—after two years' trial and one general election! But the results of the 1924 election may well give pause to those who doubt.

The National Association of Manufacturers is responsible for the statement that among all the states, Indiana cast the largest per cent of its potential vote on November 4. The tabulation made by the association shows 83 per cent of the potential vote was cast in this state. Kansas, on the basis of unofficial and incomplete returns, got out 80 per cent of its vote.

Compilation of the vote, nationally, shows that a clear majority of the potential vote was cast, whereas in 1920 only 49.1 per cent was cast. The increase is ascribed to the nation wide non-partisan movement to get out the vote in which the National League of Women Voters was one of the most active participants.

The National League laid the foundation for this campaign more than a year before the election. State Leagues throughout the nation worked up live organizations to carry on the propaganda, as instanced by Indiana, where Mrs. Walter S. Greenough was chairman. The word was spread by literature, by word of mouth, by numerous "stunts" such as automobile caravans going from town to town. And the results are apparent.

John E. Egerton, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, predicted that this campaign will be continued from year to year until the end sought is obtained.

"Many of the states made fine showings," said Mr. Egerton in commenting on the totals that his association has compiled. "This was the first time in the history of the country that a general public crusade had been waged to get all the people to the polls. It was purely a citizens' effort and to them must be given the full credit for the gains that were made. The movement was a revolt against the dwindling interest of the electorate in the selection of the chief executive. A total of 80 per cent of the eligible voters in casting their ballots in 1896 had dropped to below 50 per cent in 1920. We are now above the majority mark again and realization that representative government depends on active participation in our elections will no doubt continue to grow."

WOMEN VICTORIOUS IN THE ELECTION

Gradually, the movement to elect qualified women to public office, which is one of the fundamental aims of the League of Women Voters, is making headway. This is strikingly apparent following the November election.

Four years ago Indiana political life was stirred by the election of the first woman member of the state legislature, Mrs. Julia Nelson of Muncie. The 1925 legislature will have two women members, Mrs. Elizabeth Daugherty of Treaty and Mrs. Antoinette Hagenwald of Terre Haute.

On the state ticket one woman was elected, Mrs. Edward Franklin White of Indianapolis, to the position of reporter of the Supreme Court. Mrs. White is recognized by men and women as one of the outstanding jurists of the state. She is at present a deputy attorney general of the state.

Of intense interest, nationally, is the election of two women governors, Mrs. Miriam Ferguson of Texas and Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming. Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp has been elected secretary of state for New York. Mrs. Mary T. Norton of New Jersey, goes to Congress—the first woman from the east.

To return to Indiana, twenty-one women were elected to county offices. Mrs. Emma E. Pouder is the new sheriff of Union County. She filled out her husband's term after he died and retained the office, defeating a man in the election. Mrs. Frances M. Beane, elected clerk of the circuit court of Noble County, is the first woman to be named to office in that county. Two women coroners were elected—Dr. Eva. J. Buxton, Spencer and Dr. Alice B. Williams, Whitley. Others are as follows:

Treasurers—Mrs. Lillie S. McKee, Clary; Carrie P. Weaver, DeKalb; Elizabeth Spence, Fountain; Ella Fisher, Steuben; Mary E. Smith, Randolph; Mary Bertha Ferguson, Warrick, and Myrtle Neare, Jay.

Recorders—Minnie Carmichael, Grant; Mrs. Florence Watson Carr, Jefferson; Gertrude Gage, Lagrange; Maude A. Morgan, Lawrence; Edith VanHorn, Marshall; Mildred Briscoe, Martin; Jennie Rankin, Morgan; Miss Mirian Davis, Montgomery; Miss Hazel Swift, Tipton, and Estella Clark, Brown.

THE STATE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— CHILD LABOR LAW.

MRS. WALTER GREENOUGH

Illiteracy is becoming a thing of the past under the operation of the School Attendance-Child Labor Law in Indiana. This is the outstanding result of the enforcement of the law for four years since its passage in the 1921 session of the General Assembly of Indiana. If the law is kept on the statute books in substance, there will be left only those illiterates who already have reached their majority. The figures and statistics compiled by Miss Blanche Merry, state school attendance officer, show definitely and clearly the gradual improvement in the entire child life of the state from year to year. The law is so far reaching and complete that it touches every department of the state having to do with child welfare, and this gradually increasing co-operation has brought about a remarkable improvement in the status of all those children who are problems in our school life. The Indiana law, compiled only after an exhaustive survey of conditions by a non-partisan commission appointed by Governor Goodrich, has been recognized generally throughout the country as a model law.

A very important part of the school attendance law was the simplifying and codifying of the statutes dealing with child labor, for it was seen clearly that the question of child labor was interlinked with the question of school attendance. While the law has for its ultimate aim the educational opportunities for all children up to sixteen years of age, there is ample provision made for exceptions that are absolutely necessary when the child has finished the eighth grade of school. Mrs. Margaret Hoop, director of the Women's and Children's Division of the State Industrial Board, has the enforcement of those provisions dealing with child labor, and former director, directed the framing of those portions of the law, as well as being instrumental in securing its passage.

The 1919 Legislature authorized the appointment of a commission of five members, two of whom should be women, and two parents, to make a survey of the child life of the state, and draft a bill to be presented to the 1921 Legislature, if it were deemed advisable. The commission, as appointed, had for the executive secretary, Mrs. Edna Hatfield Edmundson, of Indiana University, an expert along the lines of child welfare, and included Mr. J. E. Frederick, Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Miss Vida Newsom, and Mr. Harry Wade. Mr. Donald DuShane was called into conference, and worked consistently with the commission, as did women from the Indiana League of Women Voters. The bill which was presented to the 1921 Legislature was drafted after the most careful work on the part of the many different agencies in the state, under the guidance of the commission. The newly organized Indiana League of Women Voters took as their special legislative work the passage of the completed bill, and with Mrs. A. H. Beardsley, of Elkhart, as president; Mrs. E. A. Gould, of Peru, as legislative chairman, and Mrs. A. T. Cox of the Industrial Board, waged a brilliant and finally successful fight for the passage of the bill. The League furthermore recommended the appointment of a woman to carry out the provisions of the law.

The law, since it is partially a codification of many other laws, is long, but the substance is as follows: The first eighteen sections deal with the problem of school attendance. The attendance of all children in school is required until the age of sixteen, with certain necessary exemptions. These exemptions include: 1. When a child has finished the eighth grade and economic necessity is proven, a working certificate is issued; 2. Proven ill health; 3. Mental and physical causes that demand special training (one of the most interesting developments of the law is the development of special schools to take care of the misfit children); 4. By order of the court in case of delinquency and incorrigibility; 5. Children under seven; 6. In case of marriage when the status of the child is changed in reference to school attendance; 7. When a child loses his place of employment which he has secured on a work certificate, five days are allowed to secure new employment; 8. Blind, deaf and dumb children are placed in the special schools provided for them. With the opening of the new Riley Hospital, crippled children can be taken care of who have hitherto been a great problem. A solution is now in sight for the epileptics.

The administration of the law is given to a state attendance officer, selected by the State Board of Attendance which contains the same members as the State Board of Education. Local attendance officers are provided for every two thousand children of school age; in cities an additional officer is provided for every additional ten thousand children. Additional attendance officers may be hired by communities at their own expense. The officers function under the state school attendance officer, and keep an accurate record of every child of school age. "Indiana is the only state in which an almost perfect record of children of school age is kept," says Miss Blanche Merry, who became the first state attendance officer and who still holds the position. Under her guidance the work in the state has been organized and made uniform.

The really remarkable results in Indiana prove, as far as they have gone, the value of legislation

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dealing with causes rather than legislation that softens and alleviates results.

In 1920, the year preceding the Attendance Law, 11,879 working certificates were issued to children 14 to 15 years of age. Of these, only 3,073 had completed the eighth grade. Those children with insufficient education became industrial drifters, unable to hold steady jobs. In 1924, 1,809 employment certificates were issued to children 14 to 15 years of age. All had completed the eighth grade but four, who were released by order of the court. These children have proved much better workers. In the past year there were 567,245 children of school age accounted for in Indiana, and of that number 98.45 per cent were enrolled in schools.

A comparison of the reports of the month of September 1923 and 1924, for children 7 to 16 show that:

	1923	1924
In school	462,133	481,703
Out of school	9,810	4,222
Which is a reduction of one-half. Further:		
No days lost	186,773	108,270
Visits of officers	27,847	24,338
Children returned	6,512	7,527
Cases in court	66	50
Per cent enrollment	97.7	99.4

With an enrollment as nearly perfect as anything can be in this finite world, it means that the elementary children were all placed where they should be. The problem that is pressing upon the state attendance department at the present time is the problem of the child who has finished the eighth grade. There three difficulties exist that make high school impossible for many. 1. The lack of high schools in townships; 2. The refusal of some trustees to furnish transportation to high school; and, 3. The decision of two local courts to the effect that a child can not be forced to attend school outside of his corporation.

The second half of the law, from section 18 on, deals with child labor in Indiana. The basic theory of this part of the law is that it is unlawful to employ children under eighteen years of age without a certificate and no certificate may be issued unless the child has finished the eighth grade. The law also provides that upon the request of any employer who desires to employ a minor representing his age as between 18 and 21, a certificate must be secured. The sections of the law deal with the necessary documents to secure working certificates, proof of age, proof of physical fitness, proof of schooling, proof of prospective employment, termination notice required from employer, hours of employment (eight hours a day, 48 hours a week, in any occupation other than farm labor or domestic service), and specifically prohibited employment for minors under 16, for minors under 18 and minors

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TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

New ideas and fresh enthusiasm were brought home by Indiana women who attended the conference of Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana state and local League presidents on November 18, at the home of Mrs. William G. Hibbard, Fourth Region director, in Winnetka, Illinois. Mrs. Hibbard entertained ninety-seven women in her beautiful home, serving a charmingly appointed luncheon at noon.

That December be made a clearance month in all Leagues was the general sense of the meeting. Clearing out of all dead timber, in the membership and in the form of programs which have not been carried out was urged as a December activity, in order that Leagues may start anew in the new year. The importance of this procedure was felt keenly because of strenuous legislative work which lies ahead of the states.

It was decided that the very best national organizer who can be obtained will be brought to the three states early in the new year to give four months to each state.

To prevent the study of civics from being made a dead language in schools of the state will be another aim of the Indiana League, if the sense of the conference is carried out. It was pointed out that the Iowa League has accomplished a great deal in this direction and that other state organizations would do well to work on the same plan. Interest of Iowa school children in the subject has been revived by a program of visualizing the departments of government, holding of mock legislatures, etc.

A discussion of the child labor situation occupied most of the afternoon. Mrs. Wilmer Christian of Indianapolis, told of the debate on the subject held recently at the Chamber of Commerce, when representatives of the League championed the child labor amendment, opposing representatives of the Merchants Association and the Manufacturers Association.

Mrs. A. H. Beardsley of Elkhart, took part in the discussion, telling of the new plan of organization of the Elkhart League. Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle of South Bend, spoke on organization. Other Indiana women who attended the gathering were as follows:

Mrs. H. R. Misener and Mrs. J. K. Bremen, of Michigan City; Mrs. J. E. Neff, South Bend; Mrs. Wilmer Christian, Miss Julia E. Landers, Indianapolis.

REGIONAL SECRETARY HERE

Mrs. Paul Rittenhouse of Chicago, Fourth Regional Secretary of the League of Women Voters, spent the first week of December in Indiana, on special work for the state League, in Indianapolis and other cities and towns.

WHAT OTHER STATES ARE DOING

The Columbia, Missouri, League has an interesting suggestion for increasing membership without a drive. For four years they had a League with about the same number of faithful followers who came together once a month for an intellectual feast. Six months ago they began holding noon meetings at a cafeteria with two brief talks, one on current matters of the week and one on a topic of local, national or state interest. Programs for the year were printed. The result is one hundred per cent increase in membership.

New York held its state convention in Manhattan, beginning on November 10. Miss Gertrude Ely, who had just returned from sessions of the League of Nations, addressed the mass meeting on Tuesday evening. Miss Belle Sherwin, national president, and Miss Grace Abbott, head of the Children's Bureau, spoke at the Wednesday luncheon.

"All citizens of the United States are voting today except citizens of the District of Columbia. Ballot boxes closed,"was the inscription above ballot boxes placed about Washington on November 4 by members of the Washington League. One of the closed boxes was placed in front of the White House.

The Pennsylvania League, in its campaign to get out the vote, sent an automobile caravan from Philadelphia through the state. Local Leagues in cities of the state were assisted in entertaining members of the caravan by business men's clubs, church organizations and others interested in the nation wide "get-out-the-vote" effort.

Mrs. W. G. Bleyer, chairman of the legislative committee of the Wisconsin League, has announced that the main object of the League in the coming legislature will be ratification of the child labor amendment and continuance of state aid under the Shepard-Towner act. The plan of concentrating on two measures is in accordance with past custom.

The Fairview League held its November meeting at the home of Mrs. W. S. Saxon, retiring president. Mrs. A. J. Britt is the new president. Mrs. Nannie McCrory of Falmouth, entertained the League late in October, at its first meeting since the summer vacation. The coming election was discussed.

CONFERENCE ON CAUSE AND CURE OF WAR

Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, chairman of the committee on international co-operation to prevent war of the Indiana League of Women Voters; and Mrs. Chas. Teetor, Hagerstown, will go to Washington, on January 18, to attend a week's conence which has been called by six of the largest women's organizations in the country to determine the cause and cure of war. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt is the outstanding leader of the proposed conference. A resolution adopted at the national convention in Buffalo authorized the League to join in calling the meeting. Other leaders in the movement are as follows:

Miss Belle Sherwin, president of the National League of Women Voters; Mrs. John D. Sherman, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs.Robert E. Speer, former president of the National Young Women's Christian Association; Miss Ruth Morgan, chairman of the department of international co-operation to prevent war of the National League of Women Voters; Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, president of the Chautauqua Women's Clubs; Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, past president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; Miss Anna Gordon, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; Mrs. Estelle M. Sternberger, executive secretary of the National Council of Jewish Women, and Miss Margaret Lynch, assistant executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women. Two other large organizations are considering joining the conference. They are the Women's Home Mission Boards and the Women's Foreign Mission Boards.

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under 21. The state industrial board or its authorized agent is entrusted with the enforcement of the law, and penalties for violations are given.

The enforcement of this law during the past four years has proven its worth to the state as a whole and to the schools in particular. The fact that 98.4 per cent of the entire school enrollment of the state has been in attendance in our schools during the fiscal year of 1924—an increase of approximately 2 per cent over the previous year and an even greater increase over years previous to that —is conclusive evidence that the law is being effectively administered, and that the aim of the law, namely, that of decreasing illiteracy and increasing school attendance, is being realized.

News of the Branch Leagues

At a dinner given by the Elkhart League for men and women on November 10, Dr. A. R. White of Chicago, gave an illustrated lecture on South America. The League held a card party on election night and heard returns over a radio which was installed for the purpose. Mrs. George Ransom of Tulsa, Okla., made a series of talks on world conditions for League members and their friends late in October, arousing so much interest that round table groups have been formed to continue study of the conditions she outlined in various countries.

Mrs. Walter S. Greenough of Indianapolis, first vice-president, spoke at a dinner given by the Bluffton League in the Bliss Hotel, just preceding the election.

Raymond Koch, baritone, and Marx E. Obendorfer, pianist and composer, gave a concert at the South Bend high school auditorium under the auspices of the music committee of the South Bend League on November 17. Mrs. Floyd Gaumer, chairman of the committee, arranged the concert as a civic welfare presentation in the interest of good music. Mrs. J. Albert Harris was in charge of tickets. The League will co-operate with the municipal recreation department and musical organizations in the city in planning local observance of national music week in February.

All Laporte county candidates in the November election were invited to address a meeting called by the Michigan City League of Women Voters before the election. All but ten candidates responded to the invitation in person and letters were read from most of the others. Mrs. H. R. Misener, president, presided. Mrs. L. A. Wilson reported on the Get-Out-The-Vote campaign in the county.

"O'Grady Wins" is the title of an essay by William A. Johnson, Garfield High School, who won honorable mention in the Terre Haute League of Women Voters' essay contest on "Why Every Good Citizen Should Vote."

The Portland League invited all women who are interested in world peace to attend its Armistice Day meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. Homer Evans. Mrs. Taylor read a paper. Mrs. John Holsapple gave a reading and Mrs. John LaFollette sang a solo.

Mrs. Carina C. Warrington, state probation officer, addressed the Jasper League on November 12.

A legislative discussion formed the program for the monthly luncheon meeting of the Evansville League on November 10. Mrs. Ada Beidelman, chairman of the child welfare committee, was in charge. Mrs. Emil Weil, Mrs. George W. Baker, Mrs. Thomas Ross, Mrs. Evelyn Davis and Mrs. William Ehrich discussed t he Shepard-Towner act, school attendance, state probation and mothers aid laws. Mrs. Arthur Hollman sang several numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Arthur Salm. Mrs. Lulu Halvorsen, president, congratulated the League members on their success in the school of instruction for new voters, which was held at the court house preceding the election. Between one thousand and fifteen hundred men and women attended.

The Cedar Lake League of Women Voters held a mass meeting on Friday evening, November 14, in the assembly room of the school house. Judge Norton of Crown Point, spoke on the work of the courts. Mr. Knight, former prosecuting attorney, discussed "Citizenship." Mrs. A. C. Clauser talked on League work. A musical program opened the meeting. Mrs. Frederick Kelly, president, presided. The program was followed by a social hour, when refreshments were served.

The Newburg League, at a meeting preceding the election, had a demonstration of voting both by Australian ballot and by machine. The coming election was discussed.

Runnells Harrell, a student of international law at Harvard University, addressed a late October meeting of the Sheridan League, speaking on "Summing-up of Affairs." The meeting was held in the library auditorium.

The Delphi League met on Friday evening, November 7, at the home of Mrs. Harry Haugh.

The Indianapolis League of Women Voters held a rummage sale on October 31, with Mrs. LeRoy Kahler and members of the finance committee and board of directors in charge. The committee on collections included the following: Miss Eldena Lauter, Mrs. Walter S. Greenough, Miss Esther Sussman, Mrs. K. D. Weaver, Mrs. E. Reatta Gant Parker, Mrs. George C. Finfrock, Mrs. Marie Karrer and Miss Alma Sickler. Members of the telephone committee were as follows: Mrs. Clyde Young, Mrs. E. L. Burnett, Mrs. R. M. Coleman, Mrs. W. C. DeMiller, Mrs. Edgar A. Perkins, Mrs. O. L. Andrews. The sales committee was as follows: Mrs. Wilmer Christian, Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Mrs. W. T. Barnes, Mrs. J. F. Barnhill, Mrs. Ira M. Holmes, Mrs. G. D. Yeazel, Miss Sara Lauter, Miss Dorothy Perkins, Miss Gertrude Feibleman.